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Clean Up Tidal Wave Debris: Huge tidal waves that brought death and destruction to Hawaii also inundated hundreds of homes in California. Here Mr. and Mrs. James Healy are shown as they pitched in to get their home at Princeton-by-the-Sea, Calif., scrubbed free of the debris left by the waters that flowed into the house. Homes as far as 500 feet inland in this section, which is 25 miles south of San Francisco, were flooded.

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House Body OKs OPA Extension For 1 Year Only

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The House Banking Committee voted 23 to 3 today to continue OPA for another year but with the proviso that it must end on June 30, 1947. The President Truman and Agriculture amendment specifically instructs Secretary Clinton Anderson to certify when any item becomes abundant even if the price may skyrocket should controls be lifted.

It further provides that Truman and Anderson report to Congress not later than April 1, 1947, what items should still remain under control after June 30, including housing.

The President is to recommend what regular government departments should be charged with the job of administering these controls.

Acceptance by the Banking Committee of this amendment does not mean that other amendments crippling OPA may or not be attached to the bill when it hits the House floor. A number of such amendments are being pushed by business lobbies.

INDUCES BOARDING

The amendment passed by the committee carries the danger that business groups, knowing OPA will die next year, will continue to withhold goods from the market in anticipation of huge price rises.

The administration has been in a hurry to lift controls in the past.

The amendment is likely to encourage it in that tendency.

The fact that the committee did not recommend other crippling amendments, is considered a victory.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Truman warned today that the nation faces an economic bust-up if existing price control and stabilization laws are not continued.

Truman delivered the warning at a press conference on a report by Reconversion Director John W. Snyder which said the nation was in a "boom" period, with reconversion completed.

The President emphasized that the report showed the nation was producing more goods and services for the civilian market than ever before. This, he said, answered the argument of those who claimed price control was hampering production.

He said that unemployment is around 3,000,000 and that about 9,000,000 workers had received wage increases since V-J Day. He did not explain why 1,500,000 vets were drawing unemployment insurance, unable to get jobs at decent pay.

Truman maintained inflation and strikes were the two main dangers to advancing "prosperity."

In his report Snyder listed as the "accomplishments" of the first three months:

1.—Civilian production now at an annual rate of \$150,000,000,000, higher than at any time in the country's history, "in war or in peace."

2.—Unemployment below 3,000,000 and prospects good that business and industry will be able to absorb

most discharged veterans and war workers looking for a peacetime job.

3.—Private wages and salaries have risen to a near-record annual rate of \$82,000,000,000.

4.—The federal debt has stopped rising and government revenues and spending are more nearly in balance.

5.—The shift out of war production has largely been completed and civilian output should rise steeply from here on.

6.—The government wage-price policy is being put into action without losing "vital ground" to inflation.

Coal Operators Balk on Welfare

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP)—

Despite a new appeal from President Truman for a speedy settlement of the soft coal strike, representatives of the operators and the United Mine Workers failed at an all-morning meeting today to make the slightest progress toward agreement.

John L. Lewis did not attend today's session. Operators emerged from the fruitless, three-hour conference with his union aides and said that further negotiations appeared useless unless Lewis withdrew his demand for settlement of safety and health issues before talking wages and hours.

Referring to Lewis' demand for a union-managed welfare fund, the operators said they had been given no idea of the cost involved and that the miners wanted them to accept it on principle.

The union delegation appeared ready to call off the negotiations for the time being and report a disagreement to the full wage scale conference of miners and operators, but the operators again balked at this proposal.

Lewis told reporters earlier that he favored reporting back to the wage conference to permit public discussion of the issues.

Meanwhile, the strike of the 400,000 miners, now in its third day, was beginning to pinch the steel industry and, indirectly, the automobile plants.

U. S. Steel Corporation's Pittsburgh plants slashed their output to 47 percent of capacity at noon, as a result of the coal crisis. And the Ford Motor Co. announced a one-week layoff for 35,000 workers—one-fifth of its production force—because of a steel shortage tracing back to the mine shutdown.

President Truman warned that a long coal strike would deal a knockout blow to reconversion.



Quake Damage: Here is an artist's impression (top) of the Pacific Ocean's submarine earthquake that sent mountainous tidal waves fanning toward the Hawaiian Islands, the Aleutians and the West Coast. The city of Hilo, Hawaii, which was exposed to the full fury of the tidal waves, suffered at least 93 dead, and had at least 4,000 homeless. Twisted railroad tracks and wrecked buildings (bottom photo) are all that greet the eye along the Hilo, Hawaii, waterfront, the city's main commercial district.

Pepper Backs Win-Peace Parley in D. C. Tomorrow

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Declaring "peace will not be ours unless we restore the friendship and trust among the Big Three countries which gave us our victory," Senator Claude H. Pepper (D-Fla.) today announced his support of the Win-the-Peace Conference which will open here Friday.

Pepper said he would address one of the sessions to assist "the efforts of millions of the American people" to mobilize for "winning the peace and the final and complete destruction of fascism."

"Before we have finished counting the dead of this last war, there are already those who are talking of another war—war against the Soviet Union," said the Florida Senator.

"We must not permit the precious unity which overcame our enemies to be imperiled by loose talk, hysteria and blind prejudice."

Other speakers include Sen. Glen Taylor (D-Ida), Rabbi Stephen S.

Wise, Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill), Dr. Mordecai Johnson, Howard University, and Leland Stowe.

Congressional sponsors of the meeting include:

Sabath, Ed V. Izac (D-Cal), a World War I officer and a ranking member of the Committee on Naval Affairs; Cleveland M. Bailey (D-Wyo); George E. Outland (D-Cal); John M. Coffee (D-Wash); Herman P. Eberhardt (D-Pa); Chet Holifield (D-Cal); E. H. Hedrick (D-Wyo); Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY); Ned R. Healy (D-Cal); Thomas J. Lane (D-Mass); Ellis E. Patterson (D-Cal); Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY); Charles R. Savage

(D-Wash), and Hugh DeLacy (D-Wash).

Meanwhile, the International Workers Order will send a large delegation to the Win-the-Peace Conference in Washington this weekend, Max Bedacht, IWO general secretary, announced here yesterday.

The delegation will represent 15 nationality group societies and general lodges in the Order. Bedacht said that the delegation was being sent in accordance with the IWO's stand "to organize a strong, genuine peace movement to block and defeat the war makers."

3 U.S. ATTORNEYS ENTER TENNESSEE PROBE

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP)—Three Department of Justice attorneys will be sent to Columbia, Tenn., to aid the Federal Grand Jury convening there April 8 for an investigation of the city's recent anti-Negro outbreaks. Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced tonight.

A delegation of trade unionists and liberals recently visited Clark and demanded he intervene in the situation.

The three are A. B. Caldwell, former U. S. Attorney in the District of Columbia, and John M. Kelley, Jr., and Eleanor Bontecou, both of

the department's Civil Rights Section.

They are expected to leave here Thursday.

The Grand Jury was called by United States Judge Elmer Davies to investigate alleged violations of civil rights in the Feb. 25-26 rioting.

Elections for Japan?

Gen. Douglas MacArthur is insisting that defeated Japan must have elections this month. You might think, on first glance, that this would be a very democratic thing.

Actually, the American demand for early elections in Japan is similar to the British maneuver in Greece.

It only will serve to perpetuate the most reactionary elements, the inner circle around the emperor. It will not help the democratic and working-class forces in Japan, even though, unlike Greece, they are getting a chance to participate.

Elections, after all, are just a registration of existing political relations. They are an index of how matters stand. But in the case of Japan, the elections are something more.

By allowing a new Diet to come into power, in which the reactionary parties will undoubtedly have a majority,

American policy is trying to freeze the status quo.

It's trying to give a cover of legality to the present set-up.

It's trying to give the present Shidehara government a legal basis from which to stymie the real and necessary changes which the advanced sections of the Japanese people are demanding.

It's no wonder that the New Zealand and Soviet members of the Far Eastern Commission protested the American move. And it's a sign that American imperialism considers Japan its own province when MacArthur rode roughshod over the protests of two allies.

Japan does not need electoral shams at this moment. It needs a people's government which will make a clean sweep of the old feudal-militarist structure with an iron broom.

An Editorial

Japan needs a government that will clean the old "Thought Police" out of their berths in the civil police; that will distribute the land, put the big industrialists on trial, nationalize the basic industries, break the black market and give the people food.

Japan needs a coalition government of the parties and men who were not responsible for the war, who are ready to clean out the war-makers, and write a constitution that will eliminate the emperor system.

Only such a Japan could contribute to a real peace in the Pacific, and assure all of our allies in the Far East that new centers of aggression will not arise again.

This is exactly the kind of Japan which American imperialism does not want. That's why it's pushing the elections.

Soviet Reply Spurs Iran Settlement

U. S. and Britain Aiming to Block Iran Democrats

By JAMES S. ALLEN

The main objective of Anglo-American pressure upon Iran at this time is to prevent a democratic, federative state in that country and to assure Anglo-American penetration into the oil fields of the North, adjoining the Soviet oil industry on both sides of the Caspian.

Since March 23, when Premier Ghavam publicly rebuffed Hussein Ala for pressing the Iran problem in the Security Council, pressure by the British and American governments upon Teheran has increased tremendously. All accounts from the Iranian capital indicate intense diplomatic activity to assure the kind of reply to the Security Council required by Byrnes and his helpers.

For the Soviet Union, both problems—a democratic Iran and oil—are above all questions of national security. Only a reactionary, feudal government will continue to sell out Iran to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. and to the American oil trusts. Only a democratic Iran can maintain sovereignty and safeguard the economic resources of the country.

THREAT TO USSR

Oil, with its semi-military installations and accompanying air fields and pipe lines, is a strategic war industry of the first rank. Anglo-American control of the northern oil fields, backed by agreement with the most reactionary elements in Iranian political life, would stand as a constant threat to the Soviet Union in this region. It was from here that Britain directed an interventionist army against the young Soviet Republic immediately after the Russian Revolution.

It has long been an objective of Soviet policy to prevent Anglo-American control of the northern Iranian oil fields. According to the Soviet-Iranian Treaty of 1921, no concessions were to be granted a third party in this area, and this provision has been cited by the Soviet Government more than once to prevent such concessions.

Proposals now current in London and Teheran suggest that a new approach is being devised by the Anglo-American oil trusts. From the British Government comes the proposal that "undeveloped" oil resources—those not already monopolized by the Anglo-American oil cartel—be placed under an international authority.

GHAVAM SEES LIGHT

Hardly a day passed when Premier Ghavam, seeing the light, suggested that the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations "supervise" the development of Iran's natural resources. Obviously, the Anglo-Iranian monopoly over the rich southern fields is to remain untouched.

This amounts to an effort to obtain entry into North Iran for the Anglo-American oil trusts behind

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Tomorrow

In the Daily Worker
A First-Hand Picture of India
Today

By R. PALME DUTT

Dutt, a leader of the British Communist Party, who is world-famous for his studies of India, has just arrived in New Delhi, where a British mission is negotiating sinister deals with reactionary Indian Congress figures.

Dutt will report from New Delhi on the negotiations, special to the Daily Worker.

Watch for Dutt's articles.

Bevin Hedges on Mikhailovitch

LONDON, April 3 (UP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said today that Britain would not offer to defend Yugoslav Gen. Draja Mikhailovitch if the charge against him was action against the National Liberation Movement.

(The United States Tuesday in a note to the Yugoslav Government intervened on behalf of the traitor Mikhailovitch and asked that U. S. Army personnel be allowed to testify in behalf of him. Mikhailovitch is accused of collaboration with the Nazis and a number of war crimes. As such it is an internal Yugoslav matter.)

Meanwhile, a Yugoslav spokesman said his Government could be expected to reject the American request. He was not sure what form the reply would take.

Asked in Commons whether Britain would follow the U. S. example in offering witnesses in the case, Bevin said, "we have no information about what charges will be brought."

Bevin commented that the "government recognizes that Gen. Mikhailovitch did perform useful service to the Allies at one stage."

Says British Workers Won't Fight Soviets

LONDON, April 3.—Those who are glibly saying that "the next war will be with Russia," must be told that "you cannot fight wars without working class support," Arthur Horner, production officer of the British National Union of Mineworkers, told an Anglo-Soviet friendship demonstration this week.

"It will prove as impossible to persuade British workers to fight in the armed forces against the Soviet Union as it was after the 1914-18 war," he said.

The Council Session:

The Big Byrnes-Ala Act

By FREDERICK V. FIELD

Yesterday's performance by the Security Council at Hunter College was the smoothest show the imperialist cast starring Jimmy Byrnes has put on to date. Cues were picked up promptly. There was no stumbling over lines and except for the President's perfectly understandable difficulty with the name of Trygve Lie, UN's Secretary General.

It is evident that the rehearsals that have been going on in the town's best hotels are showing results. The cast, moreover, always puts on a better performance in the absence of Soviet Ambassador Gromyko, who consistently refuses to play the role Byrnes has assigned him.

Particularly impressive yesterday was the teamwork displayed by Byrnes and Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala. The moment the translator had finished the official report of the President, conveying to the Security Council the replies received from the Soviet Union and Iran, Byrnes picked up a paper and read a previously prepared question.

READS QUESTION

The question was this: "In the light of the replies submitted to the Secretary General by the representatives of the Soviet Government and you (Ala), have you any suggestion to make as to what

Byrnes Gives Stand Today

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

The Security Council faces its big opportunity for a reasonable settlement of the trumped-up Iranian crisis today, but there was still no sign that Secretary James F. Byrnes is willing to give up the blackmail value of the Anglo-American position.

Yesterday afternoon—after the 32-minute public session in the morning—the ten delegates (minus the USSR) held an informal conference, which was very stormy, the Daily Worker learned.

Several delegation heads pressed for a compromise which would eliminate the Iranian issue from the Council's agenda.

The secret session followed the regular Council meeting at 11:13 a.m., which was devoted to a reading of the Soviet and Iranian replies to last Friday's request for exact details on the Soviet-Iranian negotiations.

Immediately after the replies were read, Secretary Byrnes took the floor. He declined to express his own views until the documents were studied, and asked the Iranian

Ambassador, Hussein Ala, for his "suggestion" on what the Council's future action should be.

Ala, who had been invited to sit at the Council table, though the Soviet delegate, Andrei A. Gromyko, continued his absence, expressed willingness to drop the case on three conditions:

(1) That the USSR remove the phrase "unforeseen circumstances."

Unconditional Withdrawal?

HAVANA, April 3 (UP)—Three air bases built and operated in Cuba by the United States Army and Navy during the war will be kept in readiness for "the defense of America" after they are turned over to Cuba on May 20, President Ramon Grau San Martin indicated today.

He said that installations at San Jose de Los Banos, San Julian and La Fe would be "used only in the defense of America" and added significantly that "in view of the uncertainties of the present world situation Cuba cannot just sit down and fan herself."

which the Soviet Government used in announcing that its troops would be withdrawn from Iran within five weeks.

(2) That the evacuation be completed no later than May 6.

(3) That the question remain on the agenda of the Council for consideration at any time.

SPEAKS FOR U. S.

Since Ala was clearly speaking by pre-arrangement for the United States, though Byrnes himself is free to modify his position by this morning, it's clear that the Anglo-American bloc wants to extract the utmost value from the Iranian affair, and keep it as a constant threat over the Soviet Union.

The effect of Ala's conditions would be to keep the USSR out of northwestern Iran in case the Central Government provokes civil war there and establishes hostile bases along Soviet borders; second, to prevent any further Soviet negotiations for oil concessions without Anglo-American approval or participation; and, third, to hold the Iranian issue open for future exploitation.

RUSSIA SENDS REPLY

This approach by the Anglo-American bloc contrasted with the reply of the Soviet delegate, Andrei A. Gromyko, which reached the Secretary General, Trygve Lie, at 9:10 a. m.

Last Friday the Council had endorsed a "suggestion" by Byrnes, querying the USSR and Iran on two main points: (a) the exact status of the negotiations; (b) whether Soviet troops still remaining in Iran for several weeks constituted a formal

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DR. QUO
Chaired UN Session

Committee Restores Housing 'Heart'

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP).—The Senate Banking Committee today approved restoration to the Housing Bill of what President Truman called "the heart" of his program to build 2,700,000 homes—the subsidy and price ceiling provisions knocked out by the House.

The committee-approved measure would allow housing expediter Wilson W. Wyatt to put price ceilings on existing homes and building lots, an anti-inflation provision defeated in the House by a coalition of southern Democrats and Republicans.

The House version permits price ceilings only on new homes.

In voting for \$600,000,000 in building materials subsidies, the Senate Committee wrote in "delimitations" which Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O) said overcame objections of Republican committeemen.

Labor Editors Ask U.S. Act in Newsprint Lack

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A group of labor newspaper editors called on Civilian Production Administration officials yesterday in an effort to check threatened suspension of their publications by drastically cutting newsprint deliveries.

CPA Administrator John Small assured the delegation that he would oppose any action forcing a paper to shut down entirely. A similar response came from Carroll Hanson, who is handling labor matters for CPA.

Members of the group include Editor Max Danish, of Justice, organ of the International Ladies Garment Workers (AFL); John Edelman, columnist for Textile Labor, organ of the Textile Workers (CIO); Editor Lowell Chamberlain, of the Pilot, organ of the National Maritime Union (CIO); Editor W. E. Bade, of the Guild Reporter, organ of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO), and Associate Editor Henry C. Fleisher, of the CIO News.

The delegation came to Washington after two New York concerns printing some 50 different labor, fraternal and trade papers suffered a 40 to 50 percent slash in paper supplies after government controls were lifted Jan. 1. In addition to the papers named, the delegation spoke for the Electrical Union World, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL); the Hat Worker, United Hatters (AFL); Catholic Worker, Irish World, the Co-Operator, of the Eastern Co-Operative League;

Philly Furriers Win Added 15¢ Raise

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—A one-day strike of 500 CIO Fur Workers has won an additional 15-cent-an-hour increase at E. Hubschman & Sons. The new raise makes a total of 20 cents an hour won since V-J Day.

Workers also gained a closed shop, three paid holidays, one week vacation after one year and two weeks after five years, and a cost of living clause allowing wages to be reopened.

UE Group Assails

U. S. Foreign Policy

American delegates, returning to the UN Council sessions yesterday, found a sharply critical note from 120,000 CIO electrical workers on their conduct so far.

The message, sent by District 4 (New York-New Jersey) of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, charges that Big Three unity, a fundamental part of Roosevelt policy for peace, is being "whittled away" by attacks on the Soviet Union. The declaration demands a return to FDR policies and urges President Truman to submit control of atomic weapons to the UN Security Council.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., said he would bring the measure before the Senate early next week, probably Monday. If the Senate adopts it, a bitter House-Senate compromise battle may follow.

The committee also voted to give Wyatt power to guarantee a market for prefabricated homes and new-type materials. Taft said the Republicans voted against this, and Sen. Homer E. Capehart, (R-Ind) bitter foe of a guaranteed market for ready-made homes, said he would fight the provisions on the floor.

Militant Action Wins Recruits

Chelsea Struggle in Strike Nets 22 Packing Workers

By AL WARREN, Organizer of the Chelsea Section, C.P.

Twenty-two of 40 new recruits voted into membership by the Communist Party in New York's Chelsea section joined as a result of one well fought action.

Packinghouse workers, they joined because they saw the party in action during their strike.

An active corps from our section, headed by Hattie Lewis, volunteered for picket duty, sold the Daily Worker, supplied strikers with food and money collected in the neighborhood and so combined activity and recruiting that they built an industrial branch.

When the strike was won, party activity continued.

Mrs. Lewis is on the job five days and five nights weekly. Daily Worker sales at the shop gates average from 50 to 80 daily. That's done during the day. Evenings are used for visiting contacts.

ALL NEGROES

So far, all packinghouse recruits are Negroes. White workers are buying the paper and recruiting is expected among them, too. The 22 are members of five different

unions, two CIO, two AFL, and one Independent. Many hold posts. Eight are women. Six of these work in packinghouse; one is the wife of a worker and the eighth is a domestic worker signed up by the new recruits.

Most of them tell us they joined because they saw us in action in the strike. But that's only half the story. They were looking for us, too. There is a new militancy that we are discovering in other fields of work, too. This is specially true of the Negroes.

A new recruit, 10 months out of Birmingham, Ala., told us he had heard of the party in the South but couldn't find it. When he met us here, he said, "I wondered if I could get into the organization." Another, 12 years a union man, joined, then mulled it over. "Say, you guys mean business," he said. "You have to be a real fighter to be a Communist. I don't know if I'm ready."

When they talked it over, he decided he was ready after all. Now he's a leader in the industrial branch.

The 22 are assigned to a new members' class which meets once weekly. It's supposed to last from 7 to 8:30 p. m. but often it continues for as long as four hours as the recruits tackle question after question.

Another Chelsea activity we expect to pay off both in community work and in recruits is our series of open air meetings. We've had two so far and will have another a week from Saturday.

The first, held at 23rd St. and Eighth Ave., drew a crowd that police estimated at from 800 to 1,000. Hedy Lapatine, one of Chelsea's best known and most active Communists, spoke on community issues and Carl Reinstein, county veteran director, and Gordon Sloan of the party waterfront section, also were speakers. At a second such meeting, we sold 70 Daily Workers and about 80 copies of a poster pamphlet.

We expect to recruit the 200 that

we have set as our goal by June 1. It would be a pushover, instead of a difficult task, however, if 75 percent of our membership were active instead of only a handful. That's the toughest job we have now—getting a little activity out of a lot of people. The recruits are waiting for us, if we can get the comrades out to sign them up.



Webster says: OF. & F. revenue, prop. p.p. or revenir to return.

Is that so? Well, in plain English, brother, it means cash across the counter. Money coming in for service given. For instance, the sale of advertising space was an important source of revenue for the Daily Worker and The Worker in 1945.

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Buenos Aires, April 3 (UP).—Nylons can be obtained at almost any women's shop in Buenos Aires at prices ranging from 14 pesos, 90 centavos (\$3.75) to 35 pesos (\$8.75).

At least one woman in the American colony sent a pair to her long-suffering sister in the United States, who was unable to obtain them there.

[The Daily Worker recently revealed that exporters are forbidden to charge more than the domestic ceiling price but that they get around this OPA regulation by forming new companies in the Latin American countries. They sell their merchandise at ceiling price, but resell it at any price they can get away with below the Rio Grande.]

Cruelty Trials Prosecutor Resigns

Hickam Field to Washington

Leader of GI Demonstration Now Leads Win-The-Peace Delegation

By JOSEPH CLARK

It is just a stone's throw from Hawaii's Hickam field to Washington D. C. in global politics. Dave Livingston, union organizer, former Army sergeant, one of the leaders of the GI demonstrations in Hawaii last January is on his way to the Win the Peace Conference in Washington this week-end.

Livingston is back in his office as vice president and organization director of Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union. He explained to the Daily Worker why the Win the Peace Conference seemed to him a fulfillment of the desire expressed by 30,000 to 40,000 GIs in Hawaii and tens of thousands throughout the world, who demonstrated last January.

As chairman of the Servicemen's Committee of Hawaii, Livingston was able to judge the temper and ideas of the GIs.

"The vets are the strongest potential force behind the aims of the Win the Peace Conference," Livingston said. "Actually the strongest blow anyone has struck for a win the peace program was the GI demonstration."

Weren't those just "We wanna go home" demonstrations? we asked.

"That's what 'Time' and other proponents of the American century would have you believe," Livingston replied. "The truth is something else. During the demonstrations, dozens of speakers from the audience declared that it was necessary to occupy Germany and Japan. But they were bitter in condemning the policies of our government



LIVINGSTON

which were creating a rift in big three unity."

"Resolutions unanimously adopted by the GIs were very similar to the program likely to come out of the Win the War conference," Livingston added.

Asked what points he had in mind, Livingston said:

First a statement that the government cannot rely on a large army to maintain peace but must rely on big three unity in the UNO.

Second, we must cease our big stick atomic foreign policy and end the occupation of friendly territories such as China, the Philippines, etc."

Livingston told how the GI demonstrations expressed sharp opposi-

tion to compulsory military training through their resolutions and demanded that no action be taken on this issue till enough vets were home.

"Another source of confidence in vets is the terrific role they have played in strikes and union organization," Livingston said.

"Our local has a Vet Committee of 50 members, dealing with such questions as homes, job training and the fight for adequate wages."

The tall, dark, 31-year-old union leader cited the example of the Revlon Products corporation to show how vets led the way in union organization.

"For seven years we were never able to get more than a beginning of organization in the plant. But in the last four weeks a large number of recently returned vets took the lead in organizing the place. In almost no time they completed organization among the 500 workers and they are getting a closed shop agreement. Wage increases equal or surpass the 18½ cent average which CIO unions are winning."

Livingston wanted to be sure we told about the Local 65 plans for a great vet turnout on May Day.

"We're organizing 40 to 50 platoon sergeants' (some were privates and some were lieutenants before), each with a platoon of 48 men in uniform to march in the May Day parade. That will show the vets are an integral part of the labor movement," Livingston said proudly.

"They'll be marching for decent jobs, a decent home, and a prolonged period of peace," he added.

LONDON, April 3 (UP).—An Army prosecutor has refused to take part in the Lichfield Detention Center cruelty trials on the ground they are being "flagrantly mishandled" so as to whitewash all higher-ranking officers involved, it was disclosed today.

Capt. Earl J. Carroll of San Francisco, who was expected to lead the prosecution in the pending general court martial trials of six officers and nine enlisted men charged with brutality to G. I. prisoners in the Lichfield stockade, was understood to have offered his resignation March 28.

In a letter to Col. Claude M. Thiele, commanding U. S. troops in the United Kingdom, Carroll said he was quitting because, among other reasons, the plan to try enlisted men separately from officers "may seriously preclude a successful prosecution of higher-ranking officers."

WITNESSES MISTREATED

Carroll charged that representatives of higher headquarters had offered the accused enlisted men short 30-month sentences if they would agree not to call any witnesses. He added that some prosecution witnesses—former Lichfield inmates—were being mistreated while other key witnesses were not available to the prosecution.

Carroll warned Thiele that public investigation of the trials is a certainty if the penalties for "large misdeeds are heaped upon the heads of a few enlisted men and one or two Junior officers other than by a fair and open hearing of all allegations against all accused."

One former guard, Sgt. Judson H. Smith of Cumberland, Ky., has already been sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and three years at hard labor for brutality to Depot Prisoners.

Carroll wrote Thiele that evidence

in the 56-day trial of Smith showed "clear and abundant evidence of a concerted policy of mistreatment of prisoners . . . and joint participation therein of both officers and enlisted men."

Asserting that "it would be a breach of duty to fail to report" mishandling of the trials, Carroll said the issue is "whether or not large scale mistreatments of American soldiers in confinement at Lichfield were due to policy established by Army authority or whether such mistreatments was the result of independent and uncondoned acts of brutality upon the part of individual subordinates."

Place Orders Now For May Day Edition

The management of The Worker urges district organizations of the Communist Party to rush in their orders for the special May Day Edition of The Worker, which will appear April 28.

This issue will be 40 pages, highlighting the traditions of May Day and the current struggles of labor and the people throughout the world. Besides articles from the Soviet Union, India and other important world centers, outstanding people's leaders will appear, including William Z. Foster, Vicente Lombardo Toledano, Palme Dutt. The domestic scene will be expertly covered by people like Howard Fast, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

The management expects to issue an edition of 150,000 copies, so that basic industrial centers can be properly covered. To guarantee your copies, your order must come in early.

200 CAMDEN TENANTS WIN FIGHT TO CONTINUE PROJECT

Special to the Daily Worker

CAMDEN, April 3.—There was joy this week among the 200 Negro tenants of Chelton Terrace. After a six months' campaign, they finally won an agreement from the city administration to continue their homes as a low-income project.

When the war ended, the tenants faced the prospect of having the federal war housing project sold to private speculators. That meant a big jump in their rents. They were already paying from \$27 to \$31. That was tough enough, with the shipyards and other war plants laying off men and women.

But the Lanham Act, under which their homes were built, requires the government to dispose of such projects within six months after the war. The future looked

homeless.

But the solidarity and determination of the tenants and the support of organizations, particularly labor unions throughout the Camden industrial area, has made their homes secure. The City Commissioners, after six months of stalling, agreed to take over the project from the federal government. It will cost the city some \$25,000 in taxes which the project now pays.

The successful campaign began last September when the Chelton Terrace PAC called a tenant meeting. A committee was formed involving a dozen organizations, including CIO unions, the Y.M.C.A., the Dorie Miller Legion Post, the Communist Party, Negro Women Democrats, and the Ministerial Alliance.

Delegations started calling on Mayor George Brunner and met with the Federal Housing Authority. The campaign broadened out with a number of other groups urging the City Commissioners to save the project for low incomes.

Last week the Mayor wrote Timothy Adams of the Committee that the Commissioners had agreed to take over the project. The Mayor is running for U. S. Senator on the Democratic ticket. One of the active Committee members, Charles Hardy, is running for Freeholder on the Communist Party ticket.

Hit War Drive

Special to the Daily Worker

BUFFALO, April 3.—A roving picket line called by the Erie County Communist Party last week in the heart of the shopping district here assailed the drive for World War III.

Many trade unionists joined the picket line and two joined the Party on the spot. The meeting ended with an open air meeting at which Norman Ross, chairman of the Western New York C. P., spoke.

Coal Striker's Family:

Mrs. Lottie Cook, wife of miner Frank Cook (left) is going over the family budget as the soft coal strike starts. Cook works at the Pittsburgh Coal Co., and is now out on strike. Looking on are their children, Ivy, 7, and James, 12.



ART as a weapon SYMPOSIUM

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"If the writer is to retain inner firmness, if he is not to sink into cynicism and despair, if he is to maintain his love for people, without which true art cannot flourish, then he must understand that events have a meaning, that history has a direction, that the characters he portrays are part of a social web based upon the life and death struggle of classes. For this understanding, for inner firmness, for the spiritual ability to retain faith in people and faith in the future, he must turn to Marxism in this epoch..."

OUT THURSDAY ON ALL NEWSSTANDS

Hold 2 Florida Negroes On Old 'Rape' Frameup

Special to the Daily Worker

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla., April 3.—Two Negro citizens are being held in the county jail here since last Wednesday on the charge of "rape" of a white woman here. They were jailed by police and the sheriff's forces following a four-hour search. They are Joe Ferguson, 41, of Ft. Lauderdale, and Robert Maxwell, 29, former Negro prizefighter from Gainesville.

Sheriff Clark said that these Negro citizens are to be charged with "armed robbery and rape," and that one is to be charged with "attempted rape."

The Ft. Lauderdale Daily News is stimulating a lynch terror campaign in screaming headlines against the Negro people.

TELL ABOUT JAILING

Three Negro and white NMU seamen, just returned from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., visited the Daily Worker's offices today. They had just visited Mrs. Frances Ferguson, wife of Joe Ferguson, now being held in a Ft. Lauderdale jail on charges of "rape."

"Without a warrant for arrest," said Alexander H. John, one of the seamen, "Mrs. Ferguson's home was searched and her husband imprisoned, despite the fact that she told us that her husband was home all night."

Arthur Eugene, Negro seaman, said: "Mrs. Ferguson told me they came there and found sand in the cuff of Mr. Ferguson's pants, and there is sand everywhere in Florida, right on my walk. They said they would send samples of the sand to Washington to see if it corresponds with the sand on Pompano Beach."

Len Collige, white seaman, who couldn't go with his brother seamen to visit Mrs. Ferguson, because of restrictive laws banning Negro and white from being together in this Florida Jimcrow town, said they came to the Daily Worker because "we NMU rank and filers feel that such fascist happenings should be exposed and defeated."

Collige had a copy of a telegram which their crew, on the S.S. Casiana, sent to President Truman demanding that he investigate the Freeport, L. I., and Columbia, Tenn., situation.

Capital Communists Will Meet Friday

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Northwest Club of the Communist Party will hold a mass meeting, for suffrage in the District of Columbia, in the main hall of the Cafeteria Workers Union-CIO, 1015 M St. NW, Friday at 8:15 p.m.

Constance Jackson, membership director of Maryland and D.C., and James Branca, former chairman of the Communist Party here, will be the chief speakers.

Charge Wide Jimcrow In Vet Benefit Program

Negro veterans are barred from job, vocational training and educational facilities to a greater degree than other vets, the National Urban League charged in a report issued Monday by its director of industrial relations, Julius A. Thomas.

Both the Veterans Administration and United States Employment Service were held responsible for the lag in securing jobs and training for veterans.

The Urban League report found:

- USES is offering the worst and lowest paid jobs to Negro vets, the so-called "traditional Negro jobs."

- There is no "well organized effort to secure on-the-job training or apprenticeship training for Negro veterans in any city."

- Just a handful of Negro vets are being hired in the building trades.

- Except for Baltimore and Washington, school facilities are "entirely inadequate" for the needs of Negro vets.

Too few Negroes were hired by

FLORIDA CIO DEMANDS BAN ON OPEN KKK RECRUITING

Special to the Daily Worker

MIAMI, Fla., April 3.—Dade County and City of Miami commissions will be asked to ban the posting of Ku Klux Klan membership recruiting signs in this area, Charles N. Smolikoff, Florida State CIO Director, declared.

The CIO, meanwhile, is awaiting a reply from the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington on its demand that the Klan be investigated and prosecuted as a fascist organization. Smolikoff pointed out that the Klan's large sign at N. W. 27 Ave. and Highway 26, just north of Miami City limits, carries a post office box as an address. This, he said definitely placed the Klan under Federal jurisdiction.

County records, meanwhile, revealed that a state fee of \$6 for posting of the sign was paid by E. S. Ellis of 122 N. W. Third St.

"We consider it disgraceful that the county commission could permit the Klan to post signs anywhere in the county," said Smolikoff, "in view of the established illegality of the Klan and reputation for promoting race hatred, Hitlerism and other ideas we have just concluded a war over and thought we had defeated."

Smolikoff branded as just a "close-your-eye passivity" a report that the FBI could take no action unless Klan activity passed interstate lines.

"That can only lend encouragement to those hooded native Fasists and hatemongers," he said.

In his letter in behalf of the CIO council, to the FBI, Smolikoff, wrote:

"We call on you to stamp out this fascist-like organization that thrives on disunity and lynchings."

Smolikoff also revealed he has sent letters to many organizations of this area inviting them to join in a move to "root out the Klan in this community."

The annual state CO convention at Tampa last month decided to form a state-wide anti-lynching committee. The convention resolution declared:

"We anticipate a mounting Klan activity in view of the recent house-burning in Miami, burning of fiery crosses in Atlanta and Negro lynching in Tennessee."

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—Union and civic leaders have called a United May Day Conference to plan a mass demonstration of labor unity in support of present strikes and the fight for security and peace. The conference is being held Saturday, April 6, in the NMU Hall at 1 p.m.

Sponsors to the call include:

James Price, business agent, Westinghouse CIO Electrical Workers, Local 107; Joseph B. Dougherty, president of the CIO Transport Workers; David Davis, business representative of UE Local 155; Israel Freedman, manager CIO Fur Workers Local 53; Frank Brownstone, district Fur Workers director; William Kelly, president CIO Electrical Workers Local 136; Magistrate Joseph Rainey, president of the NAACP; Arthur Huff Faust, president of UPAC; Goldie Watson, executive secretary, Bi-Partisan FEPC committee; Sol Rottenberg, executive secretary, IWO; Nick Chase, regional director and A. Keane Horowitz, business agent of the CIO Office Workers; Thomas DeLaney, executive board member of the CIO Electrical Workers; Joseph Shafer, business agent, CIO Shoe Workers; George Ardelear, president, CIO Food and Tobacco Workers Local 186.



Hysterical Defendant: Mrs. Esperanza Pisanti is carried from Kings County Court, Brooklyn, N. Y., where she is facing a charge of first degree murder. Mrs. Pisanti was accused of killing Mrs. Nancy Catalano, mother of three children, for planning a reconciliation with husband Mrs. Pisanti had urged her to leave.

Negro Congress Meets In Detroit May 30

More than 1,000 Negroes and white delegates will convene in Detroit May 30 to June 2 for the tenth anniversary convention of the National Negro Congress, it was announced yesterday.

Revels Cayton, executive secretary, declared the convention would spur the nation-wide drive to deal a "death blow to Jim-crow."

The convention call emphasizes the need of an all-out campaign of support to the national CIO's drive to organize labor, Negro and white in the South.

The draft program for the Detroit convention includes: 1. Equal jobs and economic security for the Negro people; immediate enactment of a permanent FEPC. 2. Strengthening the unity between the Negro people and the trade union movement. 3. Passage of the anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bill. 4. An end to police and armed violence against Negro citizens and organized labor. 5. Full application of the GI Bill of Rights for Negro veterans and merchant seamen without discrimination. 6. Adequate housing, health protection and education without segregation or discrimination. 7. Protection of the rights of Negro farm labor. 8. Ending discrimination in the armed forces. 9. Freedom for colonial peoples and American support to the principles of the UNO. 10. Friendship with the Soviet Union.

Among those endorsing the con-

vention's aims are:

James Egert Allen, New York State Conference, NAACP; S. L. M. Barlow, New York Forum for Democracy; Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Palmer Memorial Institute, Sardis, N. C.; Hugh Bryson, vice-president, Marine, Cooks and Stewards, CIO, California; J. M. Bolin, Justice Domestic Relations Court, New York; Mrs. Anna M. Kross, New York City Magistrate; Charles Collins, International vice-president, Hotel and Club Employees Union, AFL; Earl B. Dickerson, Illinois; Frank Marshall Davis, Illinois; Councilman Benjamin J. Davis Jr., New York; Arthur H. Faust, president, United Peoples Action Committee, Pennsylvania; President Abram Flaxer, County and Municipal Workers, CIO; Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, editor, Christian Register, Massachusetts; Mrs. Elinor S. Gimbel, Congress of American Women, New York; Ira De A. Reid, Department of Sociology, Atlanta University; William Jay Scheffelin, civil leader, New York; Mervyn Rathbone, secretary, California State CIO Council; Oliver Boutte, port agent, NMU, California; John Howard Lawson, playwright, California.

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Pittsburgh Citizen Group Hits Attack on Strikers

By CALVIN BROOK



Nephrosis Victim: Ann Coombs, 4, clutches her doll as she is photographed in her Medford, Mass., home. After seeing a news story pertaining to the treatment of another child suffering from nephrosis, Mrs. Coombs obtained the treatment formula. Mrs. Coombs has noted a marked improvement in her child.

Buffalo to Act On Vet Housing

BUFFALO, April 3.—The City Council agreed last Tuesday to send its representatives together with veterans' spokesmen to inspect emergency housing in Syracuse in order to build similar units in Buffalo.

This Council action was forced by a large delegation of vets and other citizens who told the Council to stop stalling and provide immediate housing.

Initiated by the Veterans Club of the University of Buffalo, the delegation represented 135 organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the AFL and CIO.

Change the World

by Mike Gold

IT was interesting to read in Tuesday's N. Y. Times a description of Hermann Goering's plan to attack New York with rocket bombs.

The fat Nazi murderer's files were ransacked by U. S. intelligence officers shortly after V-E Day. They found a map of New York, on which various zones were scientifically plotted for destruction.

This map will be displayed at the Aviation Show this week, along with an intact specimen of a V-2 rocket bomb, the type used against London and the Low Countries.

What personally interested me about the Goering map, in addition to its general theme, was that he and his bombing strategists had selected for their first target on Manhattan Island precisely the corner of Delancey St. and the Bowery.

I was born right on that little inch of Manhattan, at 11 Delancey St. It was then an old-fashioned red brick tenement, with Jake Wolf's saloon on the ground floor.

I imagine Goering had two reasons in



selecting my birthplace for his first bombing. It is the center of New York's working class and Jewish population. The districts of both these groups were also first to be destroyed in London. The spot is also a center between the two rivers, and New York docks would be blasted, as in London.

The Nazis had started production on a new rocket bomb to be used in the destruction of New York. It was to be much more murderous than V-2, but they had never had time to build up a stockpile.

The Red Army stopped them at Stalingrad. Now Goering is on trial before a tribunal of the United Nations. For a dollar you can view Goering's map and his V-2 bombs. Muse as you gaze and think of what might have happened had the Red Army and the Russian people not saved us.

A YOUNG American soldier just returned from Belsen told me what he saw there. Some six thousand Jews still live in that murder camp, where Hitler fiends tortured and burned over a million human beings.

Among the living victims is a young theatrical director from Vienna, and numerous singers, actors, musicians and

playwright. They put on a topical revue one night which my friend attended.

The sketches and songs were based on the Belsen tragedy. The audience had known this horror, the actors and singers had shared in it.

At times a shudder passed from the stage through the audience. Mothers screamed and wept for their lost ones. The audience joined the actors in tragic communal chant, as though this were a solemn religious memorial for the martyrs.

At other moments cries arose, as someone in the audience fainted. My soldier friend said it was as though the raw skin had not yet healed on their backs from Nazi lashings. It was as though no liberation had occurred, Hitler never been defeated.

My soldier friend is a young Jew from New York, who has won various medals for valor. He felt the Belsen tragedy as keenly as anyone in the audience. This weeping mother was his own mother in New York, these children were his own brothers and sisters. And the Beast that had tortured and burned them was now roaming the streets of New York—in the guise of Christian Fronters and Tammany politicians, rabid anti-Semitic cops, school teachers and priests, and similar fore-runners of Belsen tragedies.

IN the horror camp at Belsen the young American soldier bowed his head and wept for his people.

As for Hermann Goering, he seems to be putting on a brave show and turning his trial into a propaganda forum.

"They will give you all the calories you need to be strong for the next war," he seems to tell his underground werewolves and cartellists. "Hold on a little while longer. Our friends in England and America are winning on every point. They have almost plunged their peoples into war against the Soviet Union. When that happens, Nazism will return to Europe."

Last week, a group of some 200 armed Germans, now in the uniform of American police, raided a murder camp near Nuernberg, where thousands of Jewish victims still must live. Accompanied by police dogs, of the sort the Nazis trained to tear the bodies of Jewish babies, these cops rounded up the Jews and smacked them around. They killed one man, father of a child, and wounded six others. It was a Nazi holiday. Goering must have laughed.

But we—we in America and England—are not as jolly as Goering or the U. S. Army officers who are chumming with Nazis. We are feeling rather grim.

Letters from Our Readers

Compares Local Conditions To Report of USSR

Latrobe, Pa.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I read recently in the Daily Worker the report of the CIO delegation to the USSR and compared that report to the conditions here in my town of 10,000 population.

We have many factories, coal mines and quite a lot of postwar construction work in this vicinity. But, although the conditions exist for plenty of work for all—such is not the case. I am personally acquainted with many construction workers who haven't had a day's work in weeks. Only one of the factories is running full time; it seems there isn't enough profit in reconversion for the mill owners to produce. The miners have been forced to go on strike for

more money to meet the rising cost of living.

On my job I receive 82 cents an hour for semi-skilled work. Unskilled workers, of course, get much less. The Pennsylvania RR pays 65 cents an hour. One of the town's open shops, the Pierce Manufacturing Co., pays its workers only 62 cents an hour. Local waitresses are working 54 hours a week for \$15!

We certainly don't come off well in a comparison with the conditions of the workers of the Soviet Union, considering our industrial development and productivity.

J. B.

Women Shoppers Prove OPA Is Wanted

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Reading some newspapers these days we get the impression that

no one wants the renewal of the OPA, but I must refute this.

On Friday at 1:30 p.m. the League of Women Shoppers came down to Fifth Ave. and 42 St. opposite the Public Library, to get signatures on our petitions for the extension of Price Control without crippling amendments.

We were eight in number, and by 3 p.m. there remained three of us. We could barely handle all eager to sign our petitions. Twelve petitions clipped on cardboard were circulated for signing. People actually formed a line that outdid the nylon stocking line just a few yards away. We quit at 4:20 p.m. with crowds still clamoring to sign. This experience surely contradicts the impression many newspapers are spreading against the continuance of Price Control.

I hope other readers will take

time out and stand at any corner, anywhere, with a petition for renewal of Price Control. The results will be gratifying.

We received 3,800 signatures in two and one-half hours, exhausted but satisfied with the results.

ROSE WALLACH,
League of Women Shoppers.

Review not A 'Diatribé'

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Jane Rogers, in her protest of Marion Summers' review of Max Weber, gives a good example of exactly what we should try to get away from. In her letter to the Daily Worker letter column she says: "Weber has made a great contribution to society" and "he has never hesitated to lend his name and efforts to progressive action"; because of this we are

supposed to have nothing but praise and good words for his work.

I saw the Weber show and I think Marion Summers should be thanked for an honest review of the work. If anything, I think he was too kind. I consider her review the best to appear yet in the Daily Worker or the New Masses. It was anything but "a diatribe," as described by Miss Rogers.

RAY PEARCE.

Progressive Forces Underestimated Strength Of Opponent

Oklahoma City, Okla.
Editor, Daily Worker:

In Monday's Daily Worker there was a headline, "Reuther Boom Becomes a Boomlet." The results of the UAW vote show how incorrect such an analysis was.

It seems to me that we ought not to be guilty of such wishful thinking. Such a fault leads to underestimating the enemies of the working class. I imagine one of the reasons Reuther was elected was that the progressive forces and those looking to them for leadership did not realize the extent of the influence Reuther had nor the trickery he was capable of.

I hope in the future our writers will recognize the danger of Social-Democracy in the trade union movement and correctly evaluate it so that we may be better equipped to fight this menace.

AL LOEW.

Proposes Organized Fight on Bigotry

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Hats off to "Several Parents of PS 187" whose letter appeared in your issue of March 29. Their alertness in detecting the bigotry expressed by the teacher in the 8-B class of their school is equaled only by their determination to expose it. Only one thing further is indicated: action to prevent its recurrence.

If the signees of the letter will communicate with our organization we would be pleased to discuss with them further actions to counteract the poison this particular teacher is spreading.

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Soviets Stress Electrical Rail Growth

MOSCOW.

By M. BREEV

Restoration and development of the Soviet railway system occupies an important place in the plans drawn up by the State Planning Commission for the next five years. Electrification of railways is to become more and more important as the nation advances in the new Five-Year Plan.

Electrification of railways in the Soviet Union was begun during the First Five-Year Plan and, in 1929, the Moscow-Mytischi section of the Yaroslav line was opened. Altogether in the First and Second Five-Year Plans, and in the beginning of the Third Five-Year Plan, some 1,200 miles of road were electrified. The work was of particular importance to the mountainous regions of the Urals, Siberia, the Kola Peninsula and the Transcaucasus, where it resulted in savings of more than 4,000,000 tons of fuel and released 3,000 locomotives for work on other lines.

MOSCOW ROADS
Electrification work went on throughout the war. The Moscow-Kunsevo-Serun section of the Western line was opened, thereby connecting Moscow's seven stations by an electrified network; 1945 also saw the completion of the electrified South Urals line, 126 miles long, which considerably boosted the carrying capac-

ity of the road between the important Urals industrial centers, Chelyabinsk and Zlatoust.

Electrification work will take on still greater importance between 1946 and 1950. Preliminary calculations reveal that the main lines, which comprise but 40 percent of the total mileage, will have to carry 80 percent of the total freight. The need for increased capacity will be met mainly through electrification. This is so because an electric engine will haul 2.5 times what an ordinary coal-burning locomotive will; and by using electric trains, full consumption may be cut down one-half to two-thirds.

These and other advantages take on greater importance in proportion to the amount of traffic over the road. In the USSR, where traffic is heavier than in other European countries or in the United States, and where it will increase even more in the next few years, very extensive electrification of railroads is, therefore, of paramount importance. Preliminary figures provide for electrification of from 3,100 to 3,700 miles of road between 1946 and 1950.

URALS-SIBERIA
Of particular importance are the Urals-Siberian lines. During the war, the Urals and Siberia received many industrial enter-

prises that were evacuated from threatened areas, and the region was also the site of considerable industrial construction. This, together with the expansion of enterprises already located there, has turned it into a great industrial region, and the development is still going on. Traffic over the roads of the Urals and Siberia is consequently on the upgrade.

It must also be remembered that Urals railroads lie in mountainous districts and that the winter in Siberia is very severe. Both factors complicate the work of locomotives of the ordinary type. This makes the introduction of electrified roads a prime necessity; for they will not only increase the capacity of the roads, but will provide the key to overcoming winter difficulties.

Electrification will also be undertaken of the Moscow-Sverdlovsk line, which is made necessary by the increased traffic between the eastern and the central regions of the country. Electrification will also solve the difficulties of communication between Leningrad and the port of Murmansk, which does not freeze over in winter.

Roads that suffered during the German occupation are also to be reconstructed as electrified lines, this being one of the modernization factors in such regions. Communication between large cities

and their suburbs will be facilitated by the introduction of electric trains. This work was begun before the war, when the widespread construction of summer cottages, sanatoriums, rest homes and children's kindergartens at points 12 to 25 miles from city centers made for greater local travel. Such travel has increased rapidly since the end of the war, and will continue to grow as time goes on, particularly about such cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Baku, where the inhabitants will be going out to summer homes and coming in daily to work.

A large part in electrification plans is devoted to the new urban underground railways. The Moscow underground carries upwards of 1,600,000 passengers daily, or 30 percent of Moscow's passenger traffic. Mr. Evans, chief of the power plant of the London subway, writes that even a cursory examination of the Moscow subway convinced him of the tremendous significance it has for the convenience of the inhabitants of the capital. Twelve miles of underground railway are to be added to Moscow lines, to form a great circle connecting 18 city districts and the city's seven railroad stations. This section of the subways will have a carrying capacity of half a million passengers.

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Tears for Traitors

QUISLINGS and traitors who betrayed their countries to the Germans have tearful friends in America.

The Yugoslav traitor Mikhailovitch, now awaiting trial for treason, is getting help from Hearst and from the Scripps-Howard press. The State Department has intervened in the affairs of the Yugoslav government with the request that they listen to pro-Mikhailovitch witnesses.

But here is the dope on the traitor:

"Several intercepted Nazi messages showed that the Germans expected cooperation from Mikhailovitch. One told how in arranging a Nazi retreat, the Germans said they could depend on Mikhailovitch to cover them against an Allied advance" (Drew Pearson, April 3, 1946).

Admiral Leahy scandalized all France with his testimony in favor of the pro-German traitor Petain. Now another pro-German gets our help.

Will a Save-Goering Society be next?

Meanwhile, our government does nothing to help the Spanish patriots scheduled to be murdered by Franco because they helped the United States in the war against the Axis.

Telling 'Em Off

IT'S about time courageous Americans started to talk back to the red-baiting bullies in Congress who hide their lack of arguments by dragging out the red herring.

Rep. Marcantonio and Sen. Murray of Montana rose up in righteous anger yesterday and "told off" respectively the notorious Rankin and Sen. Taft of Ohio.

Rankin tried to smear Marcantonio's sponsorship of the win-the-peace conference scheduled for next Friday in Washington. It seems that trying to prevent America from being led into another world war is "subversive," according to Rankin. The fighting New York Congressman slapped him right back: "If any attempt of the American people to win the peace is subversive, then let him make the most of it. In my opinion, there is nothing more subversive than the red-baiting tactics of Rankin from Mississippi."

Similarly, Sen. Taft tried to knife the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill providing national health aid by yapping "socialistic." Sen. Murray wouldn't take the bullying with which the multi-millionaire snob Taft usually tries to browbeat his opponents. Murray shot at the red-baiter: "It's people like you who have ruined progressive legislation." The snobbish Taft, who is used to having people tremble before his political cussing, angrily left the Senate hearing.

Red-baiters fear argument and courageous opposition. It's time for Americans to spurn their tactics from top to bottom, with non-Communists insisting on the rights of Communist Americans to state their views.

Negro Vets Organize

THE report of the National Urban League on the lag in employment, training and education of Negro veterans demands immediate attention and action.

Veterans have been harder hit by unemployment, the housing crisis and overcrowded schools than any other groups. Among these vets it is the Negro who is openly discriminated against. He is referred to the most menial jobs and faces barriers wherever he turns.

Though Negro soldiers, sailors and marines fought and died for freedom along with their white brothers they return to find equal opportunities closed to them.

That the Negro vet will not accept this situation can be seen in the preparations for a great conference of Negro vets in Chicago this week-end. Both Negro and white veterans will attend this gathering to consider the formation of a national veterans organization. It deserves the support of labor and all forward looking people.

As long as any vets are discriminated against, the standards and interests of all vets will be lowered.

One demand that cannot longer be denied has been raised by the Daily Worker before. All agencies dealing with veterans problems, especially the Veterans Administration should have adequate Negro representation in its administrative and governing boards.

PICKPOCKET PROPAGANDA



WASHINGTON NOTES

Fight on War III Lagging

by Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON. IF THERE is anything in Washington more disturbing than this nation's obvious preparation for war, it is the fact that labor and the progressives do not speak out more loudly against those preparations.

Most of the war talk refers pointedly and usually by name to the Soviet Union. Actually war would be directed not only against the USSR but against world democracy, the new Central European democracies, the colonial peoples, and against

workers, farmers and plain people within every great power.

Almost every day someone reports the off-the-record remark of a colonel or a major who thinks the U.S. should send a few planes over Moscow with atombombs, now, before the Soviet Union has learned the precious atomic secrets. These may be irresponsible persons, but they represent a growing opinion among the higher brass.

Officials Take Action

The responsible people, the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, the heads of Congressional committees, are not bothering to disassociate themselves from this talk. They openly urge the creation of the largest peacetime army in our history and insist on retaining a navy larger than all other navies combined.

They continue to stockpile atombombs and demand bases and outposts girdling the entire world, including Iceland, Greenland and the Pacific Isles. They send an expedition to the Arctic to study warfare under sub-freezing conditions. They pursue a policy of studied hostility and provocation against the Soviet Union, Poland and Yugoslavia.

And now they are insisting that the Selective Service Act be ex-

tended for at least a year without any limitations on whom they shall draft.

Few Heard In Opposition

The Senate Military Affairs Committee has heard only four or five opposition witnesses, compared to three times that many in favor of draft extension. The House Military Affairs Committee, presided over by Andrew May of Kentucky and employing H.

Ralph Burton, Coughlin's old associate, has heard none at this writing. It is evident that May and Burton hope to push the bill to the floor without the bother of hearing the opposition.

In this respect, labor and the progressives have made it easy for the big-Army crowd, by failure to request time. The Senate committee says no labor organization has asked to appear. The House committee says only the AFL and the Railroad Brotherhoods have put in an application. A staff worker for the committee stated specifically that the CIO had not asked to appear.

In view of the pressure for draft extension from the White House and the War Department and the lack of organized activity from labor and the progressives, the prospects for stopping compulsory military training are at the moment rather dim.

This is serious because lack of opposition to draft extension will be interpreted as lack of opposi-

tion to the entire war program of the Administration.

Some labor circles argue they cannot take a position on draft extension because it has not formally come before the executive bodies or conventions of their organizations. What is this argument misses is the fact that draft extension in peacetime is no different from universal military training. On this issue practically every CIO affiliate has expressed opposition.

Another argument is that without the draft the boys now abroad cannot come home. This misses an important point—that the way to bring the boys home is by a mobilization of the people against all the war moves of the Administration and for a genuine peace policy based on Big Three Unity.

There are, of course, hopeful signs of a developing movement against the war inciters. There was the forthright statement of Senators Pepper, Kilgore, Taylor and Mitchell, followed by the brilliant and courageous speech of Pepper in the Senate. There was the statement on foreign policy issued last Monday by Rep. Adolph Sabath and 14 Congressmen. And, finally, there is the Win the Peace movement, which has roots among people's organizations throughout the country, and which meets Friday in this city.

But these are only beginnings. Labor especially needs to show more initiative and leadership in what is the most crucial struggle of all, the struggle for peace.

Worth Repeating

Alvarez del Vayo, former Foreign Minister of the Spanish Republic recently wrote: "A combination of international action and resistance inside Spain is indispensable to rid the world of a center of fascist activities that constitutes a real menace to the peace. The State Department has told the French government that Franco is no threat to international security. That is what Chamberlain said about Hitler on his return from Munich."

Allies Helping Italian Reaction Grow

By DEREK KARTUN

PARIS, April 3.—When a people have been fed day after day with false doctrines for 25 years, indoctrinated with a hatred of democracy and socialism, and have had much of their instinctive rebellion knocked out of them with truncheons, no one can expect that in two brief years they can throw off this dismal heritage unless they have a free hand.

Italy, because of the presence of the Allies with their blatant policy of protection of leading fascists, has never had that chance.

Today, the progressive parties in Italy have to face a strong reaction.

It is untrue to say that since the days of the liberation struggles in the north the old Fascist party bosses and their friends have gained strength at the expense of the Left.

Even the clerical Christian Democrats, who faithfully play the game of the Vatican, are not gaining at the expense of Socialists and Communists.

It is simply that while the Italian people were out on the streets fighting the Germans and Italian traitors, Italian reaction found it expedient to retire into the drawing-rooms of Rome and keep their mouths shut.

RATS LEAVE HOLES

Now, encouraged by their high-placed friends from the Allied Commission, they are out in the sunshine again, fighting for their very lives, organizing, intriguing, playing their full part in the political life of the country.

Reaction in Italy is powerful and dangerous today.

Eighteen of the 24 daily news-

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papers in Rome are under monarchist influence.

Three of the six government parties (Liberals, Christian Democrats and Labor Democrats) are monarchist in sentiment at the top, though they have not yet dared to declare themselves.

There is a whole cluster of smaller reactionary parties, and there is the sinister, neo-fascist Uomo Qualunque, which may yet be used as the spearhead of the attack against the left.

FASCISTS IN KEY POSTS

The Allies have placed many notorious Fascists in important positions with the threadbare excuse there is no one else to do the job.

Through their monopoly of news services they have built up the official Italian news agency and radio into first-class weapons of the Right.

The people of Italy enter upon the May elections, then, with a mighty fight to be waged against a powerful ruling class, whose confidence has been puffed up by Allied encouragement and by support from the Vatican.

PRIESTS IN POLITICS

Already in the backward villages of the south the priests have thrown off all pretence of being nothing but the servants of Christ and have emerged as the servants of De Gas-

peri.

They are instructing the faithful to vote Christian Democrat or incur the holy wrath of Mother Church.

The ultimate in hypocrisy has been reached by the Vatican announcement that those nuns who have taken vows of solitude are to receive a dispensation to permit them to vote.

In the face of this onslaught the Socialists and Communists parties have drawn close together.

It is probable that in some areas there will be joint lists of the two parties. In all areas and at all levels of work there are functioning coordination on committees, and relations between the two parties are generally good.

1,800,000 COMMUNISTS

This unity on the Left has meant a great accession of fighting strength, and Communists and Socialists are going into the elections with confidence.

The Communist party is by far the largest and best organized in the country, with 1,800,000 members and there is every hope that they will emerge with the largest vote.

Close to them in voting strength are the Christian Democrats, under the leadership of the present Premier de Gasperi.

The Action Party, of whom it has

been said that they don't know what they want but they want it right away, has frittered away much of its strength among the middle classes. It has lost the prestige it once had under Parri as a great party of the resistance movement.

The Socialists under Nenni and Pertini have their traditional following.

Benedetto Croce's Liberals, who belong to the extreme right, would fight openly for the monarchy if they dared and may yet come out openly against the republic.

PEOPLE FOR REPUBLIC

But whether they do so or not, the Left is confident that the people will declare in favor of the republic in the referendum which will accompany the general election.

If they do so, a temporary head of state will be elected and the Constituent Assembly, with a maximum life of 10 months, will elaborate a democratic constitution for Italy.

This political struggle emerges from a background of economic crisis and misery. The ranks of Italy's two million unemployed are being swollen every day by thousands of returning prisoners of war, and the five million-strong trade

union movement is fighting desperately against the oncoming economic catastrophe as the wheels of industry slow down and stop in the face of desperate raw material shortages.

MILLIONS JOBLESS

In Milan alone it is expected that the unemployed will reach 200,000. Even those at work are on short time and get pitifully low wages.

In the countryside a fight is on against the feudal tribute paid to landlords by the agricultural workers.

In the struggle for the necessities of life the Communist Party has played a leading part and the party's strength is derived from this work. In Tuscany 15 percent of the population is in the Communist Party.

The coming general elections will be the Italian people's first and most important lesson in democracy.

When the artificial support of the Allies for Italian reaction has been finally removed the Italian people will have the chance to justify the admiration felt throughout the world when the workers of Turin and Milan rose in their thousands and fought the Germans in the streets.

HAMTRAMCK VOTERS DEFEAT POLISH RIGHTIST COUNCILMEN

By WILLIAM ALLAN

HAMTRAMCK, Mich., April 3.—The attempt of KNAPP, the Polish national organization that funnels anti-Soviet propaganda throughout America, to capture Hamtramck's city administration failed when its three councilmanic candidates, Stanley Wolski, John Anger and Frank Sosnowski were defeated for reelection.

Heading the fight against the Polish fascist group was Thomas Dombrowski, chairman of the Communist Party of Hamtramck who ran seventh (five to be elected) for council, getting 3,971 votes. This is 300 more votes than Dombrowski got two years ago.

Dombrowski bucked a tide of anti-Soviet baiting and spy scare stories issued by Dzienik Polski, chief newspaper of Knapp. Dzienik Polski is the newspaper that called for strike-breakers during the recent GM strike.

Alongside its attempt to capture the city Administration, Knapp sought the elimination of Civil Service in the city in order to give its

henchmen a patronage machine and jobs. The voters killed that proposal, too.

Detroit AYD Parley Friday

DETROIT, April 3.—Jimmie Stephenson, first victim of the mob attack on Negroes in Columbia, Tenn., will be the principal speaker at a preconvention rally of the American Youth for Democracy, Friday (April 5), at 8 p.m., at Macabees Auditorium, Woodward and Putnam.

This first peacetime convention of the AYD will hear delegates from student veterans' organizations and other youth groups in its all-day sessions Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, at Jericho Temple, 2705 Joy Road.

Saturday night an interracial dance will be held at the Macabees Auditorium. The convention will highlight the youth veterans' struggle against compulsory military training, for homes for vets and against propaganda for World War III. Panels will tackle the problems of "Building AYD in the Fight for Youth Security," "AYD as an International Organization," and "AYD as an Organization for Education, Recreation and Action."

The story of the World Youth Conference held in London late in 1945 will be brought to the youth rally Friday night by Jessie Storrie, who was a representative of the Canadian Federation of Democratic Youth.

A veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Yale Stewart, organizer of the SCMWA, will also speak.

B-29s in Europe For Secret Exercises

KING'S LYNN, England, April 3 (UP).—A fleet of American B-29 superfortresses, the first to operate in the European theater, arrived at Marham Airfield yesterday for secret exercises.

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Uneasy Labor MP'S Voted 'Confidence' In Bevin Policy

By JOHN BRANDON

LONDON, April 3.—The vote of confidence given last week to Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin by the Parliamentary Labor Party should not be taken to mean that Labor MP's will cease criticizing British foreign policy, Allied Labor News was told this week.

Action contemplated by active Labor backbenchers will depend on how far Bevin puts into practice the Socialist principles of which he spoke so warmly.

Although a number of MPs were strongly critical, pointing out that Bevin's speech by no means gave a true picture of the situation, many of those who have been most opposed to Bevin in recent weeks refrained from voting against the Foreign Minister on the grounds that they did not wish to embarrass the government.

Bevin received the vote of confidence at a special meeting of Labor MPs after a debate lasting two and one-half hours. The meeting was called because of the critical at-

tude toward Bevin voiced by the Labor Party's External Affairs Committee.

PROMISES CHANGES

Bevin tended to conciliate his critics rather than repeat his charges of "communism" which outraged many moderates who were genuinely concerned about the course of British foreign policy.

In Iran, the British Government wishes to see the Iranian Government implement the pledge given in the 1923 constitution that the outlying areas should be given some sort of autonomy, Bevin told the meeting. This was taken to mean that once the dispute with the USSR is settled, Britain will be favorably disposed to continuation of the autonomy of the Azerbaijan region.

VETS' VOICE

The New Army Policy: Anti-GI, Not Anti-Fascist

By JOSEPH CLARK

Folks are beginning to see that the War Department is out to eliminate all aspects of the democratic and people's army we had during the war against fascism. They begin to see that the order against "subversive" and "disaffected" personnel is not being directed against fascists. They learn it is aimed at Communists; but, more than that, it is aimed against all GIs. It attempts to destroy the gains and aims for which we fought the Germans and Japanese.

A "caste system" board is meeting in Washington under Gen. James Doolittle. Secret sessions and an effort to distract from the main issues have so far made the board hearings pretty worthless from the GI and democratic point of view.

BOLTE'S STATEMENT

An important contribution to the fight against dumping everything we fought for in the war appeared Sunday in the *Herald Tribune* column of Charles G. Bolte, leader of the American Veterans Committee.

Bolte cites the cases of suppression and censorship of the Mediterranean and Pacific editions of *Stars and Stripes*. He shows that the "Communist" charge was leveled in both cases, but emphasizes that the War Department order

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In Memoriam

PHILADELPHIA—THE DR. SAMUEL NEMPOFF CLUB of the Communist Party extends sympathies to the family and friends of Harry Bogis—died April 2. Funeral Thursday, 1 p.m.—Raphael Sachs, 1945 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

21,000 Vets Awaiting Hospital Treatment

CHICAGO, April 3 (UP). — Gen. Omar Bradley, Veterans Administrator, said last night all service-connected disabled veterans were

receiving treatment despite a serious shortage of doctors in the Veterans Administration.

Bradley said the VA had recruited 700 new doctors since Jan. 3 but 300 doctors, part of them borrowed from the Army, had left the service

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Bradley said the VA had applications from 21,000 non-service-connected disabled veterans awaiting hospital beds. He said the VA had authorization to build 75 hospitals.

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• Send delegations to the ABC parley which convenes there tomorrow.

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In this corner

It Appears That Robinson Has Clinched Job

By Bill Mardo

Since our return from Florida three weeks ago, the one question posed to us time and again has been: "Do you think Robinson and Wright will make the grade?"

Due to our having been in Sanford and Daytona for only ten days, when the Montreal team was doing little more than to limber up and play occasional intra-squad games, our answer naturally had to be along these lines: Take it slow, friend. The status of Robinson and Wright can't be honestly determined until they've both whipped themselves into tip-top shape; until they've played in the regularly scheduled exhibition games AND until some of that abnormal pressure has worn itself off the shoulders of Jackie and John.

We did, though, constantly point out that Robinson faced an unusual situation, inasmuch both Brooklyn and Montreal have more talented shortstops than Mister Rickey knows what to do with. We also reminded our readers it seemed unlikely that Montreal would remove Stan Beard from his shortstop slot—inasmuch as the speedy little French-Canadian had been voted the best defensive infielder in the International League the past two seasons.

That contention has been borne out by now, and Robinson is currently in the process of learning a new job—how to handle the hot second-base traffic. That Jackie's an adept student has been proved by his continued presence in the line-up and his flawless work at the second sack. Reports from Florida the last two weeks have been rather gloomy about Robbie's stickwork, but it must be admitted that most scribes were being eminently honest in pointing out the heavy burden Jackie bore every time he stepped to the plate. The popular Negro athlete, though supremely confident of his ability to hit the hurling in organized baseball, nonetheless agreed that he was tight as a drum-top every time he went up for his cut.

As Jackie put it last week: "I feel as if the fate of every Negro baseball player in America depends upon whether or not I bang that ball." With that terrible load on his mind, and a guy as socially conscious as Robinson couldn't avoid feeling that way, it was plain to see why Jackie wasn't hitting. It was even remarkable that he was able to covet so brilliantly afiel and on the base paths with such pressure on him. But Jackie Robinson is both a "natural" and great athlete. And sooner or later he was bound to loosen up at the plate.

That moment came two days ago, when Montreal again tangled with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson collared two hits off Ed Chandler—one a hanging line drive into right field and the other a sharply smacked single past second. He handled five chances afiel perfectly, scored a run, stole a base, and acted as the middleman in a flashy double-play wherein Robinson had to execute a perfect pivot and peg a hard strike to first base to nab speedy Stan Rojek.

Yesterday, rave press notices greeted Jackie's performance. The scribes indicated that most important in Robinson's showing was the obvious indication that a lot of his tenseness is gone.

Watching that ball game from the stands was Dodger Boss Branch Rickey. He told reporters afterward: "Robinson will make the Montreal team this year. And he definitely is a big league prospect."

Here are some other factors which weigh heavily in assessing Robinson's status with the Royals today. Firstly, Montreal President Hector Racine told Canadian reporters this week that "Jackie Robinson has a better than even chance to make the second-base position."

Clyde Sukeforth, who is rated Rickey's top scout, also told the press in San Francisco several days ago: "Robinson is a great shortstop, and if his arm is really good, he is as good a player as you ever want to look at. He will hit, and hit with power. He is extremely fast, and the best base runner I know."

That opinion, coming from a key talent judge in the Dodger organization, carries a lot of weight.

So couple what Sukeforth said with the statements uttered by Hector Racine and Branch Rickey—and it would appear that Jackie Robinson has clinched himself a job at second base with the Montreal Royals.



JACKIE ROBINSON

baseball ROUNDUP

George Hausmann's departure to the Mexican League is much more serious to the Giants' first-division hopes than either Mel Ott or Horace Stoneham are ready to admit.

The reason for this is that Buddy Blattner, highly touted second-sacker at the start of Spring training, hasn't fared quite as well as his rave notices. The opinion continues to grow that Hausmann, if he hadn't upset the Stoneham applecart, would have been the man at second-base come Opening Day.

Montreal's Hank Behrman was highly impressive the other day against the parent Dodgers, limiting the Durocher-men to a measly seven hits in seven innings of work. Many seem to feel that Behrman has the poise, speed and control to make good at Ebbet Field.

Carl Furillo, the Brooks' center-field replacement for Peter Reiser, showed to advantage with an inside-the-park homer that saved Brooklyn from a shutout.

Snuffy Stirnweiss is beginning to get into shape and show the stuff that made him such a big noise last season with the Yanks. Against a powerful Houston team, he collared three hits, stole a base and looked mighty fast afiel. Joe DiMaggio, who hasn't stopped belting that ball ever since he went to Panama, seems headed for his biggest year of all. The same goes for Phil Rizzuto.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WOR—News Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Ananda, Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger
11:15—WOR—Tello-Test, Quis
WABC—Second Husband, Sketch
WMCA—UNO Council Session
11:30—WEAF—Berry Cameron, Sketch
WOR—Morning Matinee
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—Time to Remember
WMCA—News Reports
WQXR—String Music
11:45—WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Victor Lindahl, Talk
WJZ—Ted Malone, Talk
WMCA—Aunt Jenney's Stories
WMCA—This Woman's World

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00—WEAF—Clyde Kittell, News
WOR—Lydia Van, News
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music
12:15—WEAF—Maggie McNeilia, Talk
WOR—Hymns You Love
WABC—Big Sister
12:30—WABC—Delicacy of Patton Hall,
Fort Riley Cavalry School
WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—News; Charm School
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45—WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00—WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Musical Appetizer
WJZ—H. R. Bauskage
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Music
1:15—WOR—Jack Sunday's Album
WJZ—The Woman's Exchange
WABC—Ms. Perkins
1:30—WOR—Loper Orchestra
WJZ—Owen Drake
WABC—Young Dr. Malone, Sketch
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy
1:45—WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life, Sketch
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00—WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Daily Dilemmas
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Music
3:15—WEAF—Today's Children, Sketch
WJZ—Pat Barnes, Talk
WABC—Ferry Mason, Sketch
3:30—WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride & Groom
WABC—Rosemary, Sketch
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Concert Orchestra
3:45—WEAF—Masquerade, Sketch
WABC—Tina and Tim
3:50—WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—You're in the Act
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:55—WEAF—Ma Perkins
3:50—WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—News; John Gambling
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated
WABC—Cinderella, Inc.
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
3:45—WEAF—Right to Happiness
4:00—WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—Better Half, Quis
WJZ—Jack Borch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—Western Songs
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15—WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds
4:30—WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Shelley Mydans
WABC—Land! Trio, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45—WEAF—Young Wilder Brown

Spring Sizeup

Phils Will Settle For Seventh Place

(This is the ninth in a series on the 1946 prospects of the major league baseball teams.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN

United Press Staff

Ben Chapman is starting his first full season as a major league manager with the knowledge that his Philadelphia Phillies can't do any worse than they have in eight of the past nine years—when they finished in the cellar.

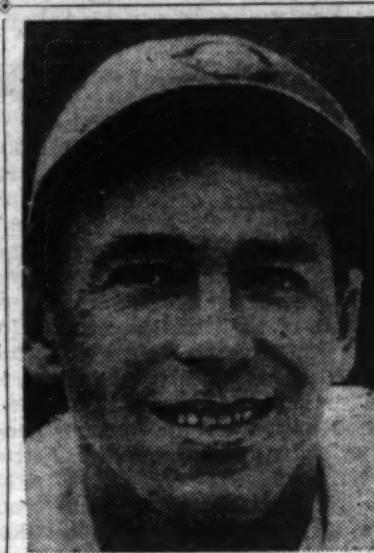
Chapman knows he hasn't a pennant contender. As a matter of fact, he would settle right now for seventh place.

The only outfield berth certain is in right, where Ron Northey, who has one of the best arms in the game, will hold forth. Johnny Wyooster may beat out DiMaggio in center, and if not will be in left. Should he get the nod at center, Lou Novikoff would be the left field man.

Wasell may even start the season at first for Frank McCormick, purchased from the Reds, still has the back trouble which bothered him last season. It will be Danny Murtaugh or Skeeter Newsome at second, rookie Ray Hamrick or Roy Hughes, purchased from the Cubs, at short, and Jim Tabor, bought from the Boston Red Sox, at third.

Seminick will be the No. 1 catcher.

From Tommy Hughes, Al Jurisch, Charlie Schanz, Ken Raffensberger, Frank Hoerst, Oscar Judd, Dick



Roy Hughes was purchased from the Cubs to bolster Philly infield.

Mauney, Schoolboy Rowe, Hugh Mulcahy, Buck Ross, and two rookies, Charlie Ripple and Dick Mulligan, Chapman hopes to find enough starting pitchers.

RADIO

WABC—Suspense, Play	WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall	
8:15—WJZ—Earl Godwin, News	
8:30—WEAF—Dinah Shore's Open House	
WOR—Rogue's Gallery	
WJZ—Town Meeting	
WABC—FBI in Peace and War	
WMCA—UNO Session	
8:45—WABC—Bill Henry, News	

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00—WEAF—Music Hall	WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WABC—Kostelanetz Orchestra;	Jane Freeman, Songs
WJZ—Chester Morrison, Stories	WMCA—News; Labor Arbitration
WQXR—World-Wide News Review	WQXR—World-Wide News Review
9:05—WAAT (970 Kc)—"Labor Views the News," Sponsored by UECIO	9:15—WOR—Real Life Stories
9:15—WOR—Who's the Artist?	WQXR—Who's the Artist?
9:30—WEAF—Jack Haley Show	9:30—WEAF—Treasure Hour of Song
WOR—Detect and Collect, Quiz	WJZ—Detect and Collect, Quiz
WABC—Hobby Lobby	WQXR—Cavalcade of Music
WJZ—Chester Morrison, Stories	9:45—WJZ—Chester Morrison, Stories
WABC—Powder Box Theater	10:00—WEAF—Abbott and Costello
WOR—You Make the News	WJZ—Curious Time
WABC—Island Venture	WABC—Island Venture
WMCA—News; Record Album	WQXR—News; Record Album
10:30—WEAF—Rudy Vallee Show	WOR—The Symphonetic
WJZ—Here's Morgan	WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—Frank Kingdom	WQXR—The Music Box
WQXR—Algonron D. Black, Talk	10:45—WJZ—Dance Music
10:45—WJZ—Dance Music	WMCA—Musical Encores
WQXR—The Music Box	WQXR—The Music Box
11:00—WEAF—News; Music	11:15—WABC—In My Opinion
WJZ—WABC—News; Music	11:30—WEAF—The Story of Music
WABC—News; Recorded Music	12:00—WEAF—WJZ—News; Music
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Arrowhead

Film Writers Combat False Subsidy Plan

By SAMUEL SILLEN
(Third of a series)

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. SEVERAL of the big studios here—Metro, Paramount, Fox—are cooking up a scheme to "subsidize" young and little-known writers. The idea of this philanthropic venture is to enable starving young writers to complete their novels and plays—which then become the property of the patrons, who will operate as a pool.

Variety, entertainment trade journal, hails the film companies' plan as "the closest approach in this country to a planned subsidization of the arts, such as has been provided by national treasures in other countries."

This reminds one of that pearl of wisdom secreted the other day by Darryl F. Zanuck, executive producer of 20th Century-Fox. Mr. Zanuck opined that the American public is a "commercial pushover." The "writers subsidy" brainstorm shows pretty clearly that the studio executives also think of the American writer as a "commercial pushover." For the privately owned and operated literary WPA is aimed to create a cheap labor supply as well as a club against the higher-priced writers here.

The fact is that this industry—the greatest brain-picking institution of all time—will not rest until it has cornered the market on talent. And it has gone a long way. You can't be in Hollywood for two weeks without being struck by the super-concentration of writing, acting, musical and directorial talent. This is the giant magnet of cultural enterprise in America, and it attracts with irresistible lure.

Hollywood's magnetic attraction is first of all economic. This is not to say that every artist who comes here "sells his soul" for a cottage. There are as many artists here putting up a fight for their "soul" as there are in New York, which is not exactly a Mecca of pure art. The truth is that Hollywood merely reproduces on a vast and occasionally dramatic scale the economic process of bourgeois culture as a whole.

This means, quite simply, that most writers and artists have to work for a boss if they are going to keep alive through writing and acting. Maybe our school teachers—dear souls truly devoted to the classics—didn't teach us that, but then our school teachers never grabbed around in "The Industry." And the boss today is not a small entrepreneur with a part-time interest in craft: the boss is a monopolist.

FROM the vantage point of Hollywood itself, you begin to get an idea of how far monopoly has reached into every field of cultural production. The average theatre producer on Broadway has the movies in his mind, and he knows how to communicate his mind to the playwright. "Movie rights" cut more than a little ice with the book publisher of 1946. Every radio show, every biography, every "idea" is a potential movie.

What the industry wants is an unlimited supply of raw material. It is many-tentacled and insatiable. Unless checked, this monopoly may soon be able to claim that the vast majority of American writers work for it, whether directly on the payroll or not.

The "young writers subsidy" program is simply an extension of the monopolization process.

This program should help dispel the idea that everybody who works for the movies is himself a sort of literary Rockefeller. It is true that what you can readily observe here is not only a mass-squeeze on the part of the industry, but a conscious effort at mass-bride. When the movies shell out \$5,000 a week to a top-flight writer (i.e., top-flight box office grosser), they compete fairly successfully with every publisher and theatre producer; it is a sturdy method of persuasion, not to say corruption.

But while the top 10 percent of actors and writers may spill over into fantasies of income, the bottom 90 percent (constantly swollen by rivulets all leading to Hollywood) face low minimums, insecurity of work, speed-up. These people, of course, don't "count" in the industry; you never see them in the screen magazines and the boss never gets around to invite them to dinner.

There is a deep conflict between what the honest film worker can contribute to this medium and what its owners want him to contribute or will let him contribute. This is true not merely of "content" but of "form" as well. Nor does this conflict affect only the most conscious and advanced film people; at bottom it affects every artist who is serious about his art.

What is so heartening here is the fact that a growing number of film workers, having become more conscious of the real world they live in, are determined to fight the reactionary character of the industry on its home ground as well as to fight monopoly in general through progressive political action.

Among progressives here impatience is very rightly expressed with those who say: "I will give the film owners the very worst kind of drivel so that I can make enough money to be independent." Most people I have spoken to here believe that this is an abdication of struggle which no leftist phrases can conceal. It is just as unsound as the view adopted by those who try to cloak themselves in a false dignity and pretend that the industry occupies a super-special place in capitalism that somehow exempts it from corruption.

Paramount's Pygmalion

PYGMALION is taking on an 18th man. He is no gentleman and century assignment at the Rivoli this week. Ray Milland is successful in transforming the little sneak thief Kitty, played by Paulette Goddard into a Lady. Unlike the disinterested scientist in the Shaw play, our hero is mercenary, knows that genuine ladies have greater earning power than sneak thieves, and expects to draw trainer's fees after catching a Duke husband for his Galatea (sometimes she threatens to become a Frankenstein).

Poor Kitty, loving her teacher all the while, is compelled to make an interim marriage with a rich trades-

Blitzstein's 'The Airborne'---Triumph of American Music



Marc Blitzstein at work on 'Airborne.'

By LOUIS HARAP

A MAJOR event in American music history unfolded at the concluding concert of the New York Symphony season with the first performance of Marc Blitzstein's symphony: "The Airborne." To say that this is the finest musical to come out of the war from an American composer is not enough. It is among the best to emerge from the war from any country.

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The versatile talent shown by the composer in the earlier *The Cradle Will Rock* appears again, for he is his own librettist and the words and music have close unity. The Speaker ("I call him a Monitor, since nearly all his lines are couched in the imperative mood," writes Blitzstein), performs the function of the Greek chorus, for his is the wisdom of the people, from the opening statement of man's aspirations to fly to the "Warning!" of flight's evil possibilities at the conclusion.

The symphony is divided into three movements, each having four independent sections. In the first movement Blitzstein pictures the history of flight.

The second movement opens with an essential statement by the Monitor of the fascist perversion of this new power, interspersed with choral chant in monotone of fascist obeisance to the inhuman Leader.

The third movement, probably destined to be the most popular, belongs to the Eighth Air Force. The first section, spoken by the Monitor, is a gracious tribute to the British airmen who carried the burden until the Americans were ready to help them. "The Ballad of Hurry-Up" then celebrates "the brash, young,

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Anti-Fascist Aid Heads Face Rankin Body Today

Sixteen members of the executive board of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee are to appear before the Rankin-Wood Un-American Committee this morning at a.m. in answer to subpoenas served upon them last week. In addition to the 16, Miss Helen R. Bryan, executive secretary of the organization, will appear in answer to the subpoena served upon the committee as a whole.

The subpoenaing of the board members followed the citing for contempt of Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the joint board, for refusing to turn over the membership lists to the Rankin committee. Rep. Wood, chairman of the un-American Committee, has threatened to cite the board members for contempt if they take a stand similar to that of Dr. Barsky. Dr. Barsky has maintained that the President's War Relief Board is the agency through which the joint board was licensed and to which it reports.

The 16 board members who will appear with Miss Bryan:

Dr. Jacob Auslander, Prof. Lyman R. Bradley, Mrs. Marjorie Chodorov, Howard Fast, Mrs. Ernestine G. Fleishman, Leverett Gleason, Harry N. Justiz, Mrs. Louise A. Kamsky, Mrs. Ruth Leider, James Lustig, Manuel Magana, Dr. Lewis Miller, Herman Schumlin, Mrs. Charlotte Stein, Dr. Jesse Tolmach and Mrs. Bobbie Weinstein.

Budenz Cuddles With Rankin

Louis Budenz, renegade from communism and the labor movement, yesterday did his bit for the anti-Soviet war drive of the Truman administration.

He appeared before a secret session of the Rankin Un-American Committee. His testimony was not disclosed, but Budenz issued a statement following the session in which he attacked the Soviet Union in the same terms as a Hearst editorial.

Budenz dragged out the old myth of "orders from Moscow" in his statement. The Communist Party, he said, is "a direct arm of the Soviet foreign department."

Jacques Duclos, leader of the French Communist Party, was also a Budenz target. He called Duclos' policy a "Hitlerite" one of hostility to the United States. Duclos' article criticizing the policies of Earl Browder led to the latter's removal from leadership of the Communist Party last year and drastic change in the Party's anti-Marxist position. Budenz's betrayal followed shortly after the Party adopted its policy of opposition to American imperialism.

Budenz also chimed in with the spy-hunt being cooked up by administration circles. He slurried the thousands of members of the Communist Party, many of them veterans of this war, by saying that each American Communist is "a potential spy against the U.S."

His statement, spread over the front pages of the Hearst press, revived the charge, used so effectively by Hitler, that the Soviet Union was out to impose communism on the rest of the world—a world in which 54 countries are at present occupied by American troops.

He also said that Catholics were being persecuted in Poland and Ruthenia, echoing discredited charges made by the Vatican.

Budenz deserted communism and the labor movement last October to take a well-paid job as professor at the Catholic University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

World Crisis in Fats

The seriousness of the world food crisis is borne out by an UNRRA report that shipments of edible fats by the international relief organization for the first quarter of 1946 will represent only five percent of requirements for famine areas.

Coffee, Powell to Speak At Spain Rally April 13

Congressmen John M. Coffee and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. head the list of speakers at the April 13 demonstration in Madison Square Park called by the Action Committee to Free Spain Now. The meeting, marking the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Spanish Republic, will call for breaking diplomatic and commercial relations with Franco.

Rep. Coffee is the author of H. Res. 312 calling for a breaking of re-

lations. He recently charged in Congress that the refusal to act against Franco in UNO has encouraged the fascists to intensify their terror against the Spanish Republicans. Rep. Powell has always been active in the fight for a Free Spain.

Delegates to the People's Conference on Spain held last Saturday pledged a turnout larger than any ever seen before in the mounting fight to break with Franco. They represented more than a million New Yorkers.

U.S. AND BRITAIN ARE AIMING TO BLOCK IRAN DEMOCRATS

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the back of the Social and Economic Council, a function never envisioned for this Council.

It is here that Azerbaijan autonomy becomes a key factor. There can be no question but that the oil trusts would like to suppress the democratic movement there. It is extremely unlikely that a democratic Azerbaijan will give Anglo-American oil imperialism a free hand.

To make matters still more uncertain for the oil magnates and the oil diplomats, from all accounts it appears that Ghavam's cabinet can count only on very limited support in Iran.

CABINET IS SPLIT

When his cabinet decided to place the "case" before the Security Council, the vote was 10 to 4, with Ghavam himself having three votes as Premier, Foreign Minister and Minister of the Interior. During the past week, it was obvious that his cabinet was badly split on the reply to the Security Council.

It is subjected to other pressure from within Iran. The Tudeh party has considerable influence, as shown by its successful demonstrations against the reactionary parliament. It has denounced the "provocative" actions of Ala and demanded his recall. Other political elements are influenced by this popular pressure, as shown by the position of Prince Pirouz.

As reported only a few days ago, Tudeh is preparing an election program that calls for the abolition of the 1906 constitution and for transforming the country into a federative democratic state, with autonomy within this state for Azerbaijan, Kurdistan and perhaps other national minorities. The democrats also demand a constituent assembly to work out

Czech Fats Crisis

Due to failure of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to meet requirements in Czechoslovakia, the Czech government has announced a "critical situation" in supplies of edible fats. The Minister of Food has ordered a cut of 200 to 230 grams in the fat ration per person for the month of May.

Pole Wheat Short

Present stocks of wheat on the farms in Poland, with which the government hoped to supply both the farming and urban population, today represent only one-half the quantity consumed by farmers alone before the war, the Polish Government announced.

these changes, including the eventual abolition of the Shah, who has traditionally played a pro-imperialist role.

SITUATION TENSE

The western oil diplomats are concerned with blocking this development. They are casting around for every possible pretense to continue their intervention, the latest being the warning by "official quarters" in London and Washington that Red Army material must not fall into the hands of "dissident elements," meaning the Azerbaijan democrats.

It is also rather uncertain whether or not the Teheran government intends to send an army into Azerbaijan. No sooner was the announcement made that no army would be sent, when it was reported that new regiments are being recruited in the Teheran area to occupy Azerbaijan. Thus the situation within Iran remains very tense, with the possibility of new provocations encouraged by the policy of Byrnes in the Security Council.

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of pressure for oil concessions and other matters.

Gromyko, who did not appear in person, maintained his original position that the question of troop withdrawals "was solved by the understanding reached between the Soviet and Iranian governments."

He said this understanding provided for completing the troop withdrawals within a month and a half and reminded the Council that he had already informed it on this point on March 26, a week ago Tuesday.

"As to other question," Gromyko's letter continued, "they are not connected with the question of the withdrawal of Soviet troops. As is known, the question concerning an oil concession or a joint stock company was raised in 1944, independently of the question of evacuation of the Soviet troops."

By this reply, Gromyko accomplished several things at once. He demonstrated respect for the Council, he maintained his original position on Iran about the existence of a Soviet-Iranian understanding, he maintained also the Soviet interest in access to Iranian oil.

But he also made it plain that remaining Soviet troops did not constitute a form of pressure on negotiations since the issue of concessions was entirely independent and had in fact been broached a year and a half ago.

Thus, the Council has had its queries answered, if it is able to

Press Roundup

THE HERALD TRIBUNE returns to the heart of the problem facing UNO. "Iran, important as it is, is not the real problem before the delegates. The real problem is the building of a working international order." How can that be achieved?

"The sole aim has to be agreement, even when agreement is slow and difficult and entails sacrifices, for great-power agreement is the only possible foundation for any order now presently to be envisaged."

Columnists Joseph and Stewart also say that the atom is not a secret. "But anyone who thinks that we may as well keep the atom bomb for ourselves is simply inviting... an armaments race."

THE TIMES is glad that Iran's premier endorsed his Washington ambassador. In view of previous criticism of Hussein Ala by his own government, the Times thinks the present endorsement "should put an end to the insinuations that Mr. Ala is not handling the affairs of his country with competence and discretion."

Defender of Ala, the Times is also a proponent of atomic diplomacy. It reminds us that "whatever its future possibilities, atomic energy in its present form is primarily and essentially a weapon, and so long as this is true, it is proper and necessary that these departments of the government responsible for national security should have an opportunity to help formulate the policies of control."

THE DAILY NEWS sees a "shrewd political maneuver" when President Truman named four generals and four admirals for permanent five-star rank and full wartime pay. It asks: "So isn't it possible that President Truman, while proposing to honor these men as they unquestionably deserve, is also trying to make it tough for any one of them to accept a presidential nomination?"

THE DAILY MIRROR doesn't want the Republican Party to indulge in any liberal phraseology. They will return to power only when they "can produce fearless, uncompromising leaders."

Drew Pearson, in Washington Merry-Go-Round, says it wasn't

Stalin who convinced Roosevelt and Churchill to withdraw support from Gen. Mihailovich of Yugoslavia.

He says: "It was caused by the fact that the U. S. was intercepting Nazi military telegrams and decoding them, as we deciphered the Japanese."

"Several intercepted Nazi messages showed the Germans expected cooperation from Mihailovich. One told how, in arranging a Nazi retreat, the Germans said they could depend on Mihailovich to cover them against an Allied advance."

PM hits the appointment of Lewis W. Douglas to head the new international bank. I. F. Stone objects on three counts. Douglas fought for higher interest rates; he broke with the New Deal on the "balanced budget" issue, and "Douglas, as the heir of a great copper fortune, and as head of New York Mutual, shares the outlook of the Wall Street crowd toward economic reform."

THE POST charges that in electing Rep. Brazilla Carroll Reece as chairman it made itself "more isolationist or 'nationalist,' and more reactionary." Republicans are charged with trying to wreck price control and bring on inflation.

Harold L. Ickes writes: "When I brought back from London the Anglo-American oil treaty last October, I told President Truman that we ought to lose no time in talking oil with Russia. The President agreed. That was practically six months ago, but so far as I know, nothing has been done except some fine and fancy thumb twiddling."

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN deplores the recent restrictions placed on commercial construction in order to promote more housing for veterans. "This is a system of absolute TOTALITARIANISM, without precedent in American peacetime history." The kind of "freedom" Hearst advocates is where vets sleep in subways and flop-houses.

THE SUN says the Detroit transit strike shows that municipal workers should not have the right to strike.

SOVIET REPLY SPURS IRAN SETTLEMENT

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of pressure for oil concessions and other matters.

Gromyko, who did not appear in person, maintained his original position that the question of troop withdrawals "was solved by the understanding reached between the Soviet and Iranian governments."

He said this understanding provided for completing the troop withdrawals within a month and a half and reminded the Council that he had already informed it on this point on March 26, a week ago Tuesday.

"As to other question," Gromyko's letter continued, "they are not connected with the question of the withdrawal of Soviet troops. As is known, the question concerning an oil concession or a joint stock company was raised in 1944, independently of the question of evacuation of the Soviet troops."

By this reply, Gromyko accomplished several things at once. He demonstrated respect for the Council, he maintained his original position on Iran about the existence of a Soviet-Iranian understanding, he maintained also the Soviet interest in access to Iranian oil.

But he also made it plain that remaining Soviet troops did not constitute a form of pressure on negotiations since the issue of concessions was entirely independent and had in fact been broached a year and a half ago.

Thus, the Council has had its queries answered, if it is able to

resist the demand of Byrnes to continue the affair.

Judging from Ala's proposals, undoubtedly instigated by Byrnes, the United States is not satisfied to have its questions answered and thereby eliminate all ground for considering the case as a dispute.

The United States appears to desire a maximum exploitation of the issue, even though it is in the position of continuing a case on the agenda when Gromyko's replies show no dispute really exists.

LITTLE NEW LIGHT

If they want the dispute settled, that's one thing. They can't settle it and still keep it on the agenda indefinitely. Yet that's the effect of Ala's proposal.

In the Iranian reply to the Council's queries, delivered at 9:11 a.m., Ala threw very little real light on the problem.

He maintained his opinion that negotiations with the USSR had produced no results, insisting that the withdrawal of Soviet troops were not the product of negotiations, but admitting that the USSR had attached no strings to this withdrawal.

Ala declared that the Soviet Ambassador in Teheran, Ivan Sadchikov, had proposed on March 24 a joint Soviet-Iranian oil company, and also autonomy for Azerbaijan, the northwestern province of Iran.

Sadchikov is supposed to have added, a few hours later, that the

unforeseen circumstances should occur.

Premier Ahmed Ghavem, according to Ala's story, would not discuss oil or Azerbaijan, and said that the treatment of autonomous provinces was an internal Iranian affair.

Ghavem did not foreclose the possibility of an oil concession, but left the matter for a new Iranian parliament, which is to be elected after Soviet troops are fully withdrawn.

From all of yesterday's material, it's clear that the Anglo-American bloc fears an autonomous Azerbaijan and anticipates bloodshed if the Iranian Central Government tries to restore its own rule there.

The Anglo-American bloc wants to encourage this anticipated bloodshed on the very borders of the USSR while using the Security Council as a weapon to prevent any Soviet move in this respect.

At the same time, the Anglo-American bloc fears that some kind of economic agreement between Iran and the USSR is in the wind, and wants either to stymie it or dictate the terms, so that American and British oil firms can nestle alongside the Soviet borders.

In all of this, of course, the Security Council is being used as a diplomatic weapon to blackmail the USSR. If Ala's suggestion is adopted today, the Council will continue to be misused that way.

Whether the other delegates to the Council will allow such manipulation of the Charter and the UNO remains to be seen as the Council convenes at 11 a.m. this morning.

UNO Sidelights

The UN Information Service finally got around yesterday to publishing a full list of the delegates, with their various aides, and the hotels they are staying at. Newspapermen were a little amazed to find under "United Kingdom" that not only is The Hon. Sir Alexander Cadogan, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., listed, and not only Lady Cadogan as well, but even the Lady's maid—Miss Bailey, and Sir Alexander's valet, Mr. Gravett. They're all at the Savoy Plaza.

Another curious thing about the list is the number of assistants to the American delegation. As you know, the United States has two delegates—Mr. Byrnes—and the regular delegate, Edward R. Stettinius. The latter has thus far not said a single word in the entire session, and does nothing but have his photos taken. In addition, the official register lists no less than 39 assistants to the U. S. delegation. All this is separate from the U. S. military and naval representatives, of whom there seem to be at least two dozen. This is probably as many as the assistants of all the other delegations put together.

The television machines were operating again in the chambers which adjoin the Security Council itself. They had broken down

last Thursday and Friday, thus depriving the overflow crowd of newspaper people from their chance to listen in and watch the proceedings. Somebody remarked yesterday: "It's wonderful to be able to see the Council again!" To which the reply came: "Yes, but can you see through it?"

It came as a surprise, but technically the old League of Nations is still in existence. Its technical staff is holding a conference in Geneva April 8 to ratify pending agreements between the UN and the old League. The UN is prepared to pay 48 million Swiss francs for the material assets of the old League, including buildings and equipment in Geneva. Negotiations are now going on with the Swiss government.

In view of the Soviet Union's move, paying up on its obligations to the UN in full over the weekend (\$1,723,000,000), the Information Dept. was quick to put out a release yesterday, showing the status of some of the other nations in relation to their UN payments. So far, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, the U. S. and Great Britain have made partial payments, along with Turkey, Canada, Honduras, France, Australia, Yugoslavia, Peru and China.

Asks Trustees For Iran

WASHINGTON, April 3.—An American-Soviet-British guardianship for Iran for the next 25 to 50 years was proposed today by Dr. A. C. Millspaugh, member of the staff of the conservative Brookings Institute and former Financial Administrator of that country.

The remarks of Millspaugh were interpreted in some quarters here as representing that section of big business which is jealous of British domination in the Middle East and resents the understanding existing between the State Department and Britain on the matter.

Others suggested Millspaugh's real fear is that the democratic upsurge in Iran, headed by the Tudeh Party, will succeed in establishing a really progressive independent regime. His statement may be a trial balloon issued by the U. S. State Department, it was said.

"The Iranian government has rarely been weaker or more subject to undercover manipulation than it is today, and it has probably never been more disorganized and incompetent," said Millspaugh, who served with the Iranian government for seven years.

"Discontent and disloyalty are widespread. The government neither represents nor serves the people;

and, without outside control, it is, in my opinion, incapable of doing the things that are necessary if Iran is to establish stability at home and command respect abroad."

Millspaugh said that the Soviets "should, of course, withdraw their troops unconditionally," but implied that British influence would remain powerful. He discounted plans of Prime Minister Ghavem for economic reform and declared flatly that only such a guardianship as he proposed would solve the problem.

B'klyn Women Parley On Peace Sunday

A Brooklyn Women's Conference for Security and Peace will be held this Sunday afternoon, April 7, at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn.

Among the sponsors are Mrs. William Howard Melish of the Church Women's Action Committee for Victory and Lasting Peace; Mrs. Ada B. Jackson of the Bedford-Stuyvesant-Williamsburg Schools Council; Mrs. Leah Nelson, Brooklyn Emma Lazarus Women's Division of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order; and Miss Dolly Lowther, Laundry Workers Joint Board.

Atom to Power Industry Soon, Russian Predicts



JOFFE

MOSCOW, April 3 (UP).—Abram Joffe, a leading Soviet physicist, wrote in the official newspaper Izvestia today that "we are now on the threshold" of transforming atomic energy for use in power development.

Joffe, whose article was entitled "Paths of Development of Contemporary Physics," failed to indicate whether he was writing of Russian science in particular or world science in general. He said Soviet science needs "exchange of experience, international ties and the use of foreign experience."

"The time is not far off when we will learn to grasp the properties of the atomic nucleus with as much ease as we now possess in the kinetic

energy of gasses or the structure of crystals," He wrote.

"We are now on the threshold of transforming nuclear energy into various technical forms of movement—transport machines, light, heat, the transmission of energy, communications and energy explosion and rocket propulsion in aero-and hydro-dynamics."

Joffe, who shares honors with Kapitza among internationally known Soviet scientists, said that "Soviet physics is prepared to solve the great task set for it."

"It embraces a tremendous front from mathematics and astronomy to electrotechniques and aviation. Soviet physics occupy a leading position in many sectors of this front, but we do not hold enough such sectors. Tremendous effort and systematic organization is needed to surpass foreign science on the main decisive issues."

"We need better laboratories, more scientists, better planning and a concentration of effort on decisive problems."

ALP Studies Planks, Candidates for '46

By MAX GORDON

The American Labor Party will take a strong independent stand in the coming elections, it was indicated yesterday at a state ALP-CIO Planning Board meeting.

The Board met to discuss program and candidates. It decided to seek progressive candidates, regardless of party.

A statement issued after the meeting said that several persons mentioned in the press as possible candidates for state office had been studied, but no decision was taken.

Names mentioned included Eleanor Roosevelt, Herbert Lehman, Sen. James M. Mead, Fiorello LaGuardia, Henry Morgenthau, Wayne Johnson and Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson. All these have been suggested as Democratic candidates for Governor or U. S. Senate.

The Planning Board said "discussion will continue and final action will be taken only after careful consideration on the basis of the ALP's independent judgment of those candidates who can best be relied upon vigorously to fight for progressive domestic and foreign policies."

The Board statement also said there was strong sentiment "for ALP representation on the statewide ticket."

With nominating conventions scheduled for the week of Aug. 31, the ALP is expected to take its time.

Public Will Be Jury on Strike

An open-air public trial of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. will be held at Journal Square in Jersey City at 7 p.m. tomorrow to fix responsibility for the 79-day-old strike.

Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, will be the prosecutor. Strikers who endured management's refusal to negotiate and

the faced police raids and union-busting attacks on their picket lines, will be the witnesses.

Subpoenas in leaflet form summon the public to serve as jurors.

A strikers' parade, led by the St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church 58-piece band and a contingent of war veterans, will leave Bergen Square and Academy St., Jersey City, at 6 p.m. and parade to Journal Square.

Mayor William O'Dwyer presented the first piece of medical equipment for the First Central Medical Institute of Moscow to Soviet Capt. Boris Hirshov, skipper of the Soviet ship Marshal Govorov, at a ceremony in City Hall.

The presentation marked the city's official recognition of the opening of a campaign by the Greater New York Committee for Russian Relief to ship \$8,000,000 in relief supplies to the Soviet Union in 1946.

Capt. Hirshov will take the equipment, an oxygen tent, on his ship when he leaves for the Soviet Union.

The Mayor, addressing Capt. Hirshov, hailed the Soviet people for their courage and devotion to victory in the war and said the people of New York "deeply appreciate the sacrifices your nation has made in behalf of worldwide liberty."

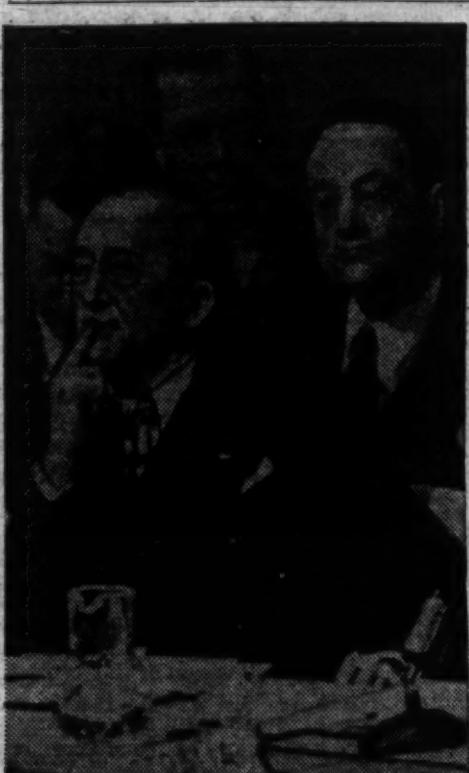
Three American soldiers, whose lives were saved by fellow Soviet prisoners in German prison camps, witnessed the ceremony and were greeted by the Mayor. The soldiers, Cpl. Fred Gherler, Cpl. Sherman Funk and Pfc. Ted Adams are patients at the Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island.

Federal Ship Strike Looms

Refusal of the Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., a U. S. Steel subsidiary, to obey War Stabilization Board directives for an 18 cent hourly wage increase may be met by a strike of 9,000 CIO workers at company yards in Kearny and port Newark, N. J., it was announced yesterday.

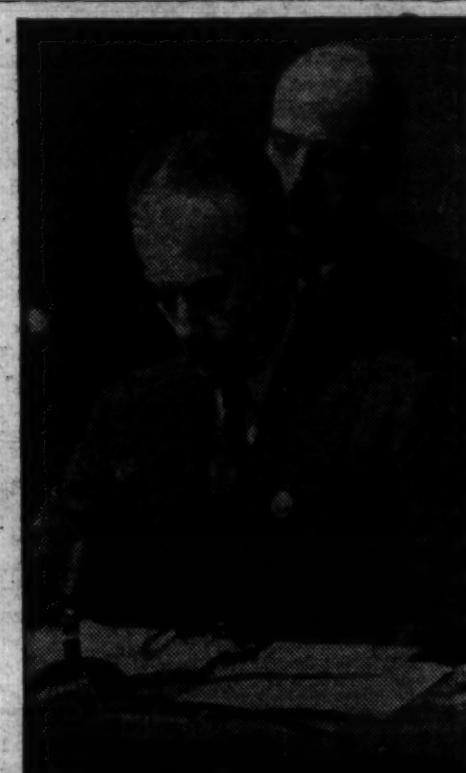
Bert Carkhoff, president of Local 16, Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, said the membership had asked the international to authorize strike action.

Management has agreed to give the raise if the government reimburses the outlay but has demanded that the union waive War Labor Board directives, handed down earlier, as the price of the settlement. The directives covered a half dozen wage classifications, a premium for "dirty" work and other items.



The men who advise UN Security Council

Delegates: Here are some of the experts who work behind the scenes at Hunter College in the Bronx to keep the delegates supplied with special data. Pictured are some of these



diplomatic experts in back of their chiefs. From left to right they are: Charles Bohlen, State Dept. specialist on the USSR, and Ben Cohen, aide to Secretary Byrnes; Valentine Lawford, aide to Sir Alexander Cadogan of Great Britain; and Dr. A. Daftary, counselor to Hussein Ali of Iran.

Consumers Protest 1c Rise on Milk

ASK RATIONING OF LUXURY PRODUCTS TO UP SUPPLIES

The New York City Consumer Council yesterday sharply criticized the proposal to increase the price of milk one cent a quart. Mrs. Jeannette Turner, executive secretary, in a wire to the House Small Business Committee pointed out that boosted prices will not "produce a single additional quart."

The Small Business Committee predicted Tuesday that retail milk prices would rise "within a few days," in anticipation of the milk shortage this fall.

Retail prices of butter and cheese are also expected to rise soon, according to government officials. Both the OPA and the Department of Agriculture are recommending a hike of about six cents a pound on butter and about three on cheese. The Office of Economic Stabilization is now studying the proposals.

Mrs. Turner stressed the need of return to rationing "to distribute more thoroughly available supplies."

She called for limitation of ice cream production and limitation of fat content in ice cream. At present, manufacturers of heavy cream and ice cream are buying up all available butterfat because these luxury items are the most profitable.

The consumer leader also called for ceilings on processed milk. There is no ceiling price on fluid milk sold to processors although a maximum price is fixed on sales to dairies. Manufacturers of cheese, butter and evaporated milk are paying more than dairies are permitted to pay farmers. This in effect is slowing down the supply of milk to distributors for home consumption.

Copies of the protest wire were sent to President Truman and Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles.

Hatten Tops Giants, 5-2

At Daytona Beach, Fla.:

New York (N) 100 000 010—2 9 1
Brooklyn (N) . 005 000 00x—5 7 1
Voiselle, Budnick (7), Adams (8),
and Lombardi; Hatten and Sandlock, Padgett (2).

At Fort Worth, Tex.:

New York (A) 200 000 020—4 9 1
Ft. Worth (T.) 200 100 002—5 1 0
Chandler, Roser (6), and Drescher;achary, Costello (5), and Long.

Chicken Prices On the Wing

One and two cent price boosts on most types of chicken was announced by OPA yesterday, effective today.

Dressed fryers and broilers rise one cent a pound to 45 and 46 cents, respectively, and dressed roasters rise two cents to 50 cents.

Live fowl, three pounds and under, rises two cents to 38 cents, kosher-killed fowl in this weight group goes up one cent to 42 cents.

Unions Oppose Rail Award

CHICAGO, April 3 (UP).—Two arbitration boards today granted 1,300,000 railroad employees 16 cents hourly increases, but bitter opposition to the award arose immediately among representatives of 18 non-operating unions, who said the raises were "wholly unsatisfactory."

Non-operating unions were bound to accept the awards under the agreement to submit wage demands to arbitration, but their representatives announced that new demands for wage boosts would be made immediately.

The two union members of the arbitration board hearing the case of the non-operating unions signed the agreement, although charging it distorted "the stabilization policy of the government" into a barrier against equitable pay adjustments.

The operating brotherhoods had demanded \$2.50 more per day; the operating unions asked 30 cents more per hour.

The pay increases were made retroactive to Jan. 1.

At Mobile:

Detroit (A ..) 200 000 000—2 10 0
Boston (N) ... 000 000 000—0 6 0

Trout and Swift; Wright, Hutchings (9), and Hofferth.

At San Antonio, Tex.:

Chicago (A) .. 201 010 011—6 10 1
Pittsburgh (N) 000 200 000—2 6 0

Rigney and Tresh; Hallie, Gerhauser (5), Klinger (9), and Lopez, Salkeld (9).

Ryan Drive to Oust Negroes Hurts All Dockers

New York's waterfront, where 35,000 longshoremen have to seek their daily bread, is and has always been a festering sore of chaotic and corrupt practices, fostered by "King" Ryan and his boys, who have been the ruling clique in the International Longshoremen's Association for the last 25 years.

Every man on the waterfront who dares to talk can tell a story of gangsterism, kickbacks, manipulation of union elections, discrimination and callous indifference to the workers' needs.

This is the story of the 5,000 Negro longshoremen in the union on New York's docks, hundreds of whom are part of the rising wave of protest against Ryan tyranny in the ILA, which will one day overwhelm the entire rotten set-up, so that a completely democratic union fighting for decent wages and working conditions for longshoremen can take its place.

KEPT 'EM SAILING

Negro employment on the docks reached its peak during the war when thousands of Negroes, Italians, Irish and Slavs loaded munitions and supplies for the Allied war fronts. Jimcrow barriers which had kept Negroes and whites tradition-

ally in separate work gangs were broken.

Mixed groups worked in harmony on the piers. Experienced Negro longshoremen worked as machine operators, walking bosses and stevedores.

But after V-J Day a change set in, and Negro longshoremen, many of them old-timers on the waterfront, are rapidly being eliminated from the docks through vicious practices of discrimination on the part of the anti-Negro, racketeering Ryan machine in the ILA.

JOB DWINDLE

A typical instance of the dwindling of jobs is the naval loading depot at the foot of 32d St. in Bayonne, N. J., where once 800 to 1,200 men were employed daily, 80 percent of them Negroes. Today only one in five is a Negro.

In New York, during the war, the Grace Line employed from 10 to 12 Negro gangs, 20 men to a gang, on Piers 57 and 58. Today only two such gangs work there.

It is the same story on the Moore-McCormack line, Pier 32, Canal St., which once worked Negro gangs, and where practically no Negroes are now employed.

The ILA machine plays its part

Chinese Seek Full Democracy, Mme. Sun Says

The Chinese people want real political and economic democracy for themselves, friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union and a functioning United Nations Organization, Madame Sun Yat Sen told an audience at the Hotel Roosevelt last night in a transcribed address.

The widow of the founder of the Chinese Republic made her speech to a "Spotlight on the Far East" dinner sponsored by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

"We know that fascism does not automatically die with the cessation of the shooting," said Madame Sun. "We know it will take the same, if not greater common efforts of all democratic forces to win the peace. We also know that peace means continuing the lessons of this long war—unity, cooperation among the allies."

Madame Sun stressed that not only the leaders of China, but "those who are sent here to give aid," and all the peoples of the world must understand what the Chinese people feel and want. "The Chinese people, above all else, want peace and freedom," she said. "They want peace and freedom in the rest of the world. They want the United Nations Organization to work. The Chinese people are particularly interested in the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union. They want friendship between these two great countries."

Senator Tobey made a plea for United Nations unity as the hope of peace.

Rep. De Lacy rapped American foreign policy in the Far East, saying, "Our object should be to get all foreign troops out of China and out of every other Asiatic country—barring the necessity of occupying Japan—and to promote measures leading to democratic government and basic economic progress."

Other speakers included Miss Agnes Smedley, Richard Watts, Jr., Theodore H. White and Albert Kahn.

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Council to Hold Hearings Friday On Racing Tax

By MICHAEL SINGER

Moving at breakneck legislative speed to impose the four new taxes which it hopes will net the city an additional \$67,000,000 next year, the City Council will hold an open hearing tomorrow noon and an hour and a half later vote on the 5 percent pari-mutuel race track.

The race track levy, one of the four taxes asked by Mayor O'Dwyer and approved by Governor Dewey this week is expected to yield about \$10,000,000 yearly from the entire mutuel pool at the Jamaica and Aqueduct race tracks. At Belmont Park, most of which falls in Nassau County, the city will split with Nassau County, getting 1/4 of the 5 percent.

Keeping pace with the Council the Board of Estimate is also due to meet tomorrow afternoon on the pari-mutuel tax. Behind all this haste is the fact that the Mayor

must advertise the law for five days in the City Record. With Sunday not counted a business day, this will bring the race track tax law before the Mayor on Thursday, April 11 and the next day, the city will begin collecting a daily average in race track revenue of \$61,000.

Since the racing season begins this Saturday, the city will lose out on only five days.

Of the other three taxes, only one is expected to meet stiff opposition in the Council. That is the sales tax which is being doubled from 1 to 2 percent and will raise \$40,000,000 more funds for the city. Both Communist councilmen, Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cachione have already expressed their opposition and intention to fight this imposition on the already hard-hit consumer. Small business groups are also expected to voice objections.

Jeffries, Press Rage At Transit Strikers

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, April 3.—With an unparalleled strikebreaking ferocity the Detroit newspapers and Mayor Jeffries are screaming for mob violence against the three-day old strike of 5,200 city AFL streetcar workers.

Highlights of today's strike events:

1. A city-wide mass meeting of the AFL streetcar men's union will convene tonight in Cass Tech with a clear-cut statement issued by union leaders refuting the press' and Mayor's attempt to characterize it as a back-to-work meeting. Union Leader Andrew Sayed, business agent of Division 26, said: "The purpose of this meeting is to show

our strength and let the public know our men are behind us."

2. An order by the Mayor that no DSR men can set foot on city property, meaning the car barns or areas adjacent. This was seen by striking streetcar men as a move to leave the way open for herding strikebreakers into the barns.

3. Despite requests from many quarters, George Edwards, president of the Detroit City Council, former organizer of the UAW and Social Democratic cohort of Walter P. Reuther, UAW president, remains mum on support of the strike or denunciation of Mayor Jeffries' strike-breaking threats.

Edwards, when asked yesterday by the Daily Worker if he supported the strike, approved or disapproved of the proposal to use strikebreakers by the Mayor, or would do something to aid the AFL strikers, answered: "No comment."

Keynote of the press war cry against the strikers is "the streetcar men's union has used the law of the jungle against Detroit citizens. We must answer with the same law."

The Mayor and the press have now adopted a new tactic to send the men back to work. They are demanding that the international union of the Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electric Railway and Coach Operators of America lift the local charter of Division 26.

According to statements by the Mayor, the international has declared the strike a "wildcat." So far, no confirmation of this could be obtained from top union leaders today. Meanwhile, not a single streetcar motorman or conductor has shown up at any car barn for work. For months the streetcar men have been negotiating for an 18-cent wage increase, time and a half for overtime and a renewal of the contract.

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